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Despite problems, web registration "successful"

The class of 2003 met web-traffic and error messages during Hamilton's first full-class run of "Web Advisor"; problems were ironed out for Class of 2004's Thursday registration

by Kathleen M. McGrory '05
NEWS EDITOR

Despite numerous problems, including unforeseen "web traffic," the class of 2003 became the first full class to register via the Internet following the Tuesday afternoon close of their registration window.

"Registration was successful.... As of the end of the registration time window, only 25 members of the class of 2003 had not registered, and 16 of those students are currently off-campus," said Kristin Friedel, registrar.

Many students attempting to register on the web between the hours of 6:00 and 7:00 a.m., however, were met by a jammed server and numerous error messages.

"I don't have a number of students who actually tried to access the system [between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.]. The web server can handle the traffic, but we experienced a problem with a secondary piece of web software," explained Friedel.

According to the Registrar, the "secondary piece of web software" acts as a gate between the main web-server and the administrative system that runs WebAdvisor. This particular program was not letting all of the students through, thus resulting in a "traffic jam" for those waiting to access Web Advisor. Upon noting this problem, however, the Office of the Registrar was able to both secure and add additional licenses, enabling an unlimited number of users to access the system. The access problem was fixed by approximately 9:00 a.m.

"The web access problem has been taken care of, and students will not have a problem accessing WebAdvisor," said Friedel. "If a student experiences any delay while trying to access the system, they should NOT log out. Click on the MENU button and select the menu option again. Although the software that acts as a gate will let everyone in, it takes a second to pass the user through.

In addition to the problem with web "traffic," web registration also experienced other minor errors; According to Friedel, the program occasionally identified two non-conflicting courses as conflicting.

"Once we identify the courses, we correct the information and the conflict message is removed. This occurs periodically, but is easy to fix," explained Friedel. Students who receive this type of message should contact our office so we can correct the course information and help the students register for the courses."

In anticipation of problems, Friedel was in the Registrar's Office alongside the System Administrator for the administrative

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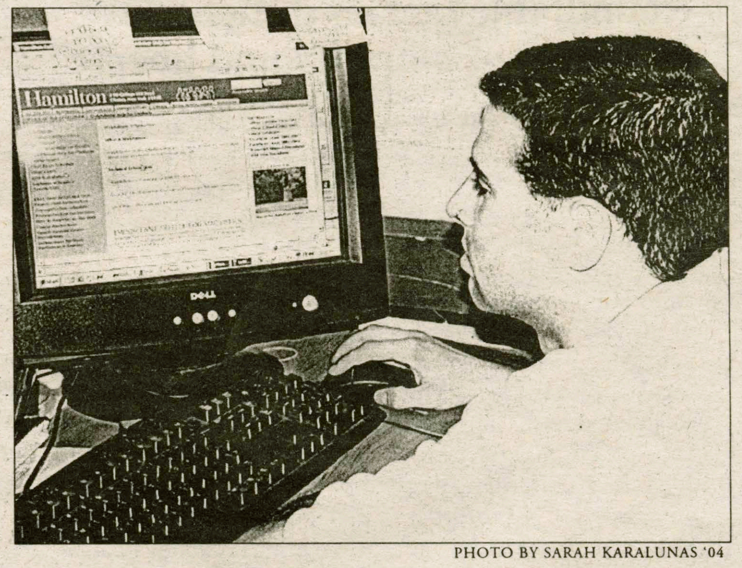
PHOTO BY SARAH KARALUNAS '04

David Cohen '05 experiments with "Web Advisor." Although the program frustrated many members of the class of 2003, the Registrar's Office says that the program's kinks should be fully worked out before the Class of 2005 registers on Monday.

Open House brings 273 accepted students to the Hill

by Andy Horner '03
MANAGING EDITOR

This past Tuesday, 273 high school seniors, already accepted to Hamilton College, descended on the campus for a day of talks, programs, and entertainment. The group, while not the largest to attend the official Accepted Student Open House day that Hamilton holds each April, was the largest recorded since the College began to allow accepted students to visit the campus any day in April. Including parents, 570 people were out on campus taking tours, hearing lecturers, and enjoying the unusually warm Upstate New York weather.

The 24-hour event, which includes accepted students meeting their Hamilton hosts for an overnight stay, was headed by Assistant Dean of Admissions Andrea Thomas. Thomas, who was aided in her preparations by numerous student volunteers as well as other members of the Admissions Office, was especially pleased with the high turnout because of her belief that Hamilton College sells itself.

"A student who comes and visits Hamilton has a higher percentage chance of coming," Thomas said. "If they visit, that means they are interested, and the Hamilton community itself is attractive."

The visitors were invited to attend a number of different seminars, at which they had full access to professors who were able to display the quality and accessibility of Hamilton's faculty. With separate schedules of events for parents and accepted students, the prospectives were able to get a feel for the campus and its social life as they will experience it - without the familiar presence of their parents and siblings.

Students were encouraged to attend classes of their choosing, as well as attend programs about Hamilton's Pre-Med, Pre-Law, and Study Abroad programs. Professors present at these events spoke with students in groups and on an individual basis, and interaction among the students and the faculty was encouraged.

The purpose of this interaction was "So that [the students] can sample those things," explained Thomas. "Really, what we're trying to do is get everyone who [the students] might want to talk to in one place at the same time."

The other important aspect of

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PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Potential members of the Class of 2006 and their hosts during Tuesday night's *a cappella* concert. In addition to the show, accepted students were invited to attend classes of their choosing and a number of seminars.

Alumnus speaks on U.S.-Asia relations

by Chris Takacs '05
FEATURES EDITOR

This year's Edwin Lee lecture was given by Michael Klausen '71 and addressed the topic of U.S.-Asian relations in the post-September 11th era. Klausen, who has spent most of his life in the foreign service, rememberd his time in the American embassy in Taiwan, as well as his time with the State Department and the American Institute in Taiwan.

PHOTO BY ANNA GRITTEN '03

Michael Klausen '71.

Klausen emphasized how "it is pretty clear that the events of September 11th were seismic attacks." He also remarked how families in over 80 countries had relatives in the towers and airplanes, and so "many people overseas experienced [the 11th] as a personal event."

Speaking about Asia, he stated that "Asia is going through dramatic changes," noting the increase in democratization and the transparency and growth of market economies. He linked Asian growth closely with America, stating that America's trade with Asia is the highest of any region except between NAFTA (North America Free Trade Agreement) nations. He went further into the economic sphere, saying "We have one million dollars in trade with Asia per minute."

Klausen predicts that relations between Asia and America will continue rela-

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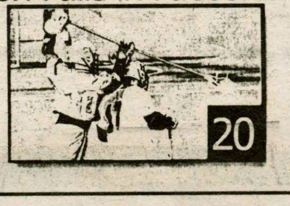


Philosophers, columnist join McArn in campus ethics discussion

Roundtable tackles difficult questions of morality and liberty

by Sarah M. Gould '05
NEWS WRITER

With the audience in almost constant amusement, four guest lecturers and one moderator gathered to discuss the most pertinent ethical concerns facing people today. The roundtable discussion, held on April 16th in Kirner-Johnson Auditorium, was moderated by Professor Katheryn Doran from the department of philosophy at Hamilton and included a diverse group of philosophers, a columnist, and the college's own chaplain.

Celebrated columnist and author Randy Cohen joined the discussion along with Libertarian philosopher Roderick Long from Auburn University. Former Hamilton student Amie MacDonald, a feminist philosopher from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and Hamilton's chaplain, Jeffrey McArn, completed the group. In front of a packed room, the four commentators answered a set of previously decided questions that pertain to many of the problems Americans face today.

Questions dealt with individual liberties versus the common good and whose interests win when the two sides collide; true dilemmas and divided loyalties and the choices we make between conflicting principles or commitments. There were two questions that addressed equality and lifestyle differences: what's important about equality, and how are equality, differences in treatment, and fairness related. One particularly heated question was whether a gay student should come out to his parents, running the risk of his parents refusing to finance his education because they don't support homosexuality. Randy Cohen responded by saying, "Parents have an ethical obligation to their children for education," and then he jokingly added, "but, I believe all children have the right to deceive their parents about their sex lives!" Jeffrey McArn responded to the same question by asking the rhetorical question, "Do I have a right to deceive my parents?" He also added that by hiding his sexuality, the writer of the question might be deceiving himself; and that, quite possibly, personal truth is far more important than financial support.

"Ethics is about a continuity of behavior," Cohen said after one question. Our values and morals should be constant and unwavering in that they should represent who we are and what we believe. There were also several questions that dealt with some very real issues facing society today, including turning in one's brother if he is thought to be the Unabomber, and questions concerning 9/11 and the place of America in the world view.

Questions regarding giving back to the community were received in several ways. "To do some good is infinitely better than doing no good," Cohen said. McArn reminded the audience that, ultimately, change begins with the individual, but that it is impossible for one person to completely solve such pervasive and continuous problems like poverty and malnutrition in severely impoverished third-world countries.

When the subject of special interest housing on college campuses was brought up, Hamilton alumnus MacDonald spoke from first-hand experience. She said that alternative housing "sponsored alternative ways of knowing," although the fraternity housing did foster some very visible signs of hatred and prejudice. That specific question proved to be one of the most controversial.

The discussion provided for a great deal of amusement due to the banter and quips of the panelists and moderator. Nonetheless, it attempted and succeeded to answer some very important questions regarding our lives today.

POSSE program hosts retreat at White Eagle Conference Center

by Stephanie Valle '05
NEWS WRITER

Members of Hamilton College's first-ever POSSE program fulfilled part of their contract this past weekend by hosting a retreat at the White Eagle Conference Center. The retreat, which lasted Friday evening through Sunday, focused on bringing the campus community together under the theme "The Rhythm of Hamilton, What's your beat?"

The POSSE program at Hamilton is part of a national foundation that sponsors students from a few cities around the country and sends them typically to small liberal arts schools. Hamilton's POSSE program is based out of Boston and boasts 11 members of the Hamilton freshman class. The POSSE program is an extremely competitive program to be accepted into, and, out of the 300 applicants that applied to the Boston program, only around 30 were accepted to attend Hamilton and two other schools affiliated with the Boston program. Criteria for acceptance are based primarily on leadership and scholarship.

Once accepted, members of POSSE undergo extensive training as a group in order to prepare them to be leaders on their campuses, as well as to have the support of the other members of POSSE. The retreat is one of the ways in which this training benefits the campus as a whole.

"Our goal as a POSSE group is to invite Hamilton community members and bring them together," said Peter Kassa '05, a member of POSSE. "It was for the members of the Hamilton community." The retreat was set up to discuss everything from global issues to community issues, as well as to explore individual identity.

The theme of the retreat was designed to emphasize the diversity of the issues that would be discussed as well as the differences in every member that would be attending. "We couldn't agree on one thing because we all have different rhythms," said Laurine Lamour '05, "and we didn't want to concentrate on one issue."

One of the topics of discussions was to bring to light the dislikes the retreat attendees had about Hamilton and address those issues in a group setting. Some of the problems that were discussed included campus safety issues relating to how women are treated, how to appreciate and have more intellectual awareness of diversity, and how to bring the wide variety of clubs and organizations around campus together. While the goal of the retreat was not to solve every problem, the eclectic mix of participants spurred discussion and helped individuals think of ways to improve campus.

Aside from small group meetings, games, metaphors, and other techniques were used to help facilitate discussion. "It's not like any other retreat," said Laurine Lamour '05. Over 25 people attended, and others like President Tobin and Campus Safety Director Pat Ingalls stopped by for part of the activities.

Both Kassa and Lamour felt that the retreat went very smoothly, which was a clear effect of all their training. "We were trained for this, to make changes on campus," emphasized Lamour '05.

The POSSE program continues to have weekly meetings to compare what each student is doing around campus, as well as to prepare for the future. Hamilton has committed to having at least three more years of the POSSE Program, ensuring that the retreats will continue to grow in size and scope.

Kassa believes that this will be a continued way for the campus to grow and address different issues. "It's a time to reflect on what's been going on," he said, "a time to step aside and take risks."

Fortune magazine editor lectures about Enron fiasco

Levitt Center sponsors Joe Nocera's speech detailing the events surrounding the corporate giant's decline

by Chris Fogelstrom '03
A&E EDITOR

Everyone knows that Enron is bad, right? The debacle has saturated the news since the Justice Department began their criminal investigation of Enron last January. But does anyone think that the collapse of Enron could be a good thing? Author Joe Nocera, who spoke to students and faculty this past Monday in a lecture sponsored by the Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center, had a different take on the subject of Enron.

Nocera, a senior editor at *Fortune* magazine, stressed the potentially positive economic effects resulting from the collapse of Enron. Nocera pointed out that the idea of model corporate behavior is changing, the collapse of Enron making this change a more speedy and visible one at that. What characterizes this new behavior? According to Nocera, companies in the immediate future will be held accountable for more than just their share prices. When a company defrauds investors by deliberately concealing crucial information about its finances (ie. Enron), investors become skeptical, and the entire market suffers.

Nocera also cited the events of September 11th as another example of this changing corporate attitude. He emphasized the Wall Street firms that helped their competitors during the Twin Towers collapse. According to Nocera, these companies are remembering what had been forgotten: that they owe something to their communities. Now more than ever, companies are trying to keep people employed and the economy running smoothly.

PHOTO ANNA GRITTEN '03

Fortune magazine's Joe Nocera.

Nocera, who is the author of *A Piece of the Action: How the Middle Class Joined the Money Class*, is currently writing a book on Enron with Bethany McClean, the *Fortune* reporter who first broke the story.

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Chris Takacs '05

Perceptions of South Central L.A. keep athletes away from USC

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — Just seven months after the 1992 Los Angeles civil unrest, a stray bullet from nearby gang fighting pierced the left arm of USC line backer Jon McGee as he walked to practice. With the riots and McGee's injury, many assumed football recruiting would suffer.

A decade later, most agree that USC's football recruiting was not heavily affected, mostly because then-new coach John Robinson did a solid job of allaying fears.

But in athletic recruiting, media-fueled stigma of living in South Central is often used against USC even now.

If any region frets about sending athletes to the inner city, it is the Inland Empire and nearby regions, where a steady migration during the last 20 years has claimed many residents from the neighborhoods surrounding campus. The riots, experts say, exacerbated an already massive shift in demographics.

Parents who left Los Angeles to escape the hustle, bustle and crime associated with city life often hesitate to send their children back. Sending kids to regions such as Arizona and Oregon seems safer and less distracting.

"When you recruit their kids, you're battling that (negative image of Los Angeles). It's different when you a recruit a kid from Orange County who's been an O.C. kid his whole life," former USC secondary coach DeWayne Walker said. "The perception of L.A. isn't as complicated as a kid that's been living in the Inland Empire and whose parents were born and raised in L.A."

Survey Finds College Faculty Pay Up

(AP) -- Full-time faculty salaries on the nation's campuses have risen to a level not seen in 30 years, according to a new report released Friday, though the recession could mean a dip in pay next year.

The American Association of University Professors surveyed more than 1,400 public and private, two- and four-year institutions to calculate average pay for full-time faculty. They included lecturers to full professors.

The report found that among schools surveyed, faculty salaries rose an average of 3.8 percent this school year over the 2000-01 academic year. Adjusted for inflation, the increase was 2.2 percent.

Average faculty pay at private institutions was $71,460 and at public schools it was $62,024. In a third category, private colleges and universities that identify themselves as church-affiliated, faculty pay averaged $55,346.

The result was average faculty salaries that - adjusted for inflation - are slightly better than they were in 1971-72, the AAUP said.

Among all schools surveyed, the lowest average pay for full professors was $34,800 at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn. The highest average was $144,700 for full professors at Harvard.

Looking only at public universities, which employ about 70 percent of U.S. full-time faculty, the lowest average salary for a full professor was $41,800 at Mayville State University in North Dakota. Best paid were full professors at the University of California, Berkeley, earning $115,900 on average, the survey found.

The results largely reflect state support for higher education, since a majority of academic jobs are at public institutions, said survey author Daniel Hamermesh, an economics professor at the University of Texas.

To Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton, a national leader in promoting higher education, the survey results sounded encouraging.

"That would indicate to me that the institutions are recognizing that they have to stay competitive," Patton said in an interview.

But next year is not likely to be so rosy because of the economic downturn, the report said. College budgets will be tight since endowments at private colleges have lost value and the pinch from falling state revenues is felt on public campuses.

WORLD NEWS

Compiled by Chris Takacs '05

5 Die As Plane Hits Milan Building

MILAN, Italy (AP) - A small plane, in flames and sending a distress signal, smashed into the tallest skyscraper in Italy's financial capital Thursday, killing at least five people and injuring 60. The crash initially raised fears of a Sept. 11-type terror attack, but the Italian government said it was probably an accident.

The aircraft punched through the 25th floor of the slim Pirelli building, gutting two floors and starting a fire that sent smoke pouring out into the clear blue sky over downtown Milan. Emergency workers helped bloodied men in business suits while firefighters worked to put out the blaze.

"I heard something like the engine of a plane dying out, and then I heard a terrible explosion," said Raffaele Taccogna, who was tending bar at the nearby Atlantic Hotel. "I certainly thought of the September attacks in the United States," he said. "It really looked like the same thing."

The pilot - who was on a 20-minute flight from Locarno, Switzerland, to Milan - issued a distress signal and reported problems with the plane's landing gear moments before plowing into the 30-story building at 5:50 p.m., Milan police officer Celerissimo De Simone said.

Canadians Victims of Friendly Fire

WASHINGTON (AP) - An American F-16 pilot in Afghanistan apparently mistook Canadian soldiers for enemy forces and thought he was acting in self-defense when he dropped a 500-pound bomb, killing four and wounding eight, U.S. officials said Thursday.

As an investigation began, a key question was why the Americans didn't know the Canadians were training in the area.

President Bush conveyed his nation's regret to Prime Minister Jean Chretien, and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said U.S. and Canadian officers at Central Command headquarters in Tampa, Fla., would work together to piece together what happened and why.

The soldiers were the first Canadians killed in a combat zone since the Vietnam War. Their unit is the 3rd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, based near Edmonton, Alberta.

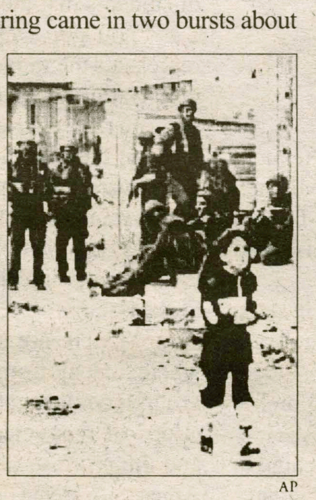
In a brief announcement, Central Command said an Air National Guard F-16 aircraft dropped one or two laser-guided bombs on the Canadians, but it offered no other details. Pentagon officials said the Canadians were conducting a nighttime, live-fire training exercise near the southern Afghan city of Kandahar.

The F-16 was from the 183rd Fighter Wing, whose home base is Springfield, Ill., but it could not immediately be confirmed that the pilot was a member of that unit. The pilot's name was not released, in accordance with usual U.S. military procedure in the course of an accident investigation.

Shooting, Explosions in Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) - Gunfire and the explosions of stun grenades were heard Thursday near the Church of the Nativity, where Israeli forces are laying siege to 200 Palestinian gunmen.

Bethlehem residents say smoke rose over the ancient basilica. Witnesses said the firing came in two bursts about 15 minutes apart, each lasting for a few minutes.



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The Israeli military spokesman said gunmen in the church opened fire and Israeli troops responded. There was no word of casualties.

A Palestinian policeman contacted by telephone inside the church denied the gunmen had fired, and said the shooting appeared to be part of Israel's psychological campaign to keep the gunmen off balance.

The policeman, known only as Salah, said the Israelis blew up a car near the church compound.

Gunfire and explosions have become routine in recent evenings, as Israel steps up pressure on the gunmen.

NATIONAL NEWS

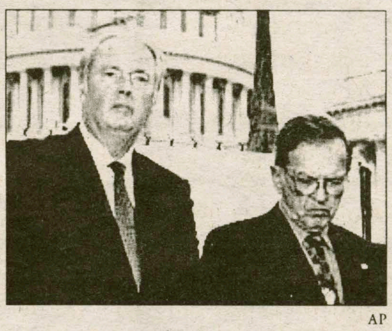
Compiled by Chris Takacs '05

Senate Rejects Bush Drilling Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate rejected by a wide margin President Bush's plans for oil drilling in an Arctic wildlife refuge Thursday, turning aside arguments that the oil was needed for the nation's security.

The vote was a blow to the administration, which repeatedly has cited development of the Alaska refuge's oil as a centerpiece of its energy policy.

Environmentalists waged an intense campaign to protect the refuge, calling it a unique ecological treasure. Drilling supporters said their proposal contained environmental safeguards.



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While the House already has approved legislation to allow development of the oil-saturated coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, the size of the anti-drilling vote in the Senate may doom any prospect for a drilling measure in Congress this year.

Senate Republicans fell 14 votes short, 54-46, of the 60 needed to break a Democratic filibuster and allow a vote on putting the refuge provision into a broader energy bill.

Flight 93 Tape Played for Relatives

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) - "Compelled to listen," relatives of those who died Sept. 11 aboard hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 heard cockpit audio tapes Thursday from the final minutes of the doomed jetliner.

A morning session for relatives of crew members was completed, FBI Special Agent Sandra Carroll said early Thursday afternoon. A second session - for relatives of passengers - then got under way at the hotel, she said. It was the first time relatives of victims of any U.S. plane crash had heard cockpit tapes.

Before her session began, Alice Hoglan of Los Gatos, Calif., said she knew the contents of the 31-minute tape would be disturbing. Her son, Mark Bingham, was one of the passengers hailed as heroes for vowing to take on the hijackers moments before the crash.

"I feel compelled to listen. I owe it to the memory of Mark to learn all I can," said Hoglan, who herself has worked as a flight attendant for United.

Hoglan said she was told families would hear a woman pleading for her life, and the last five to seven minutes would be filled with violence and yelling in both Arabic and English.

April Swelter Heats Up Easterners

BOSTON (AP) - With sleeves rolled up and sweat on his brow, Brian McFarland enjoyed the record heat as he waited with his wife and two children for friends to pick them up for a cruise of Boston Harbor.

"This is a major bonus," said McFarland, 37, of Kingfield in northern Maine. "We were skiing last week." Not everyone in the family was thrilled. "Too hot," complained 8-year-old son Dylan.

Summerlike heat baked the eastern third of the country again on Wednesday, toppling records and sending people outside in search of sun - and relief. Though the heat eased somewhat Thursday, temperatures had soared into the 80s by early afternoon from New York City to Indianapolis.

"Whatever is cold is flying out the door," said Barbara Fingold, a co-owner of Bart's Homemade ice cream parlor in Northampton, Mass. She figured she was filling 40 ice cream cones every hour.

As Phoenix, Miami and San Antonio all hit the low 80s on Wednesday, Boston hit a record high of 92 degrees and Springfield sweltered at 95. On Thursday, Boston had only managed 52 degrees by early afternoon. Heat in Newark, N.J., eased somewhat to 90 degrees from a record 96 on Wednesday.

Livingston to study social inequalities prevalent in Jordan

by Kat Lexa '05
NEWS WRITER

Do you want to increase understanding between foreign nations and America? Are you passionate about teaching and working with people? Will you dedi-

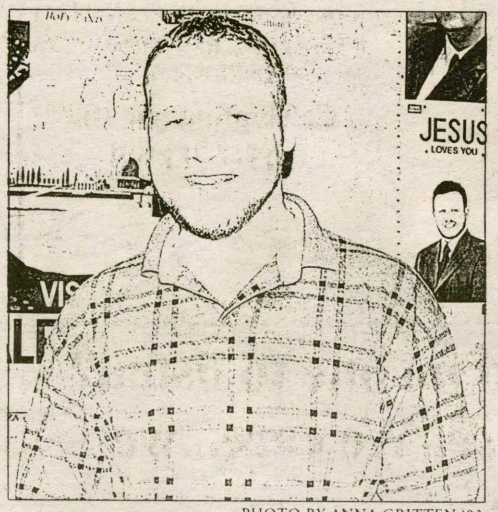
PHOTO BY ANNA GRITTEN '03
Joe Livingston '02.

cate your life to furthering friendly relations between people of different races? Are you willing to compete for a highly selective and prestigious scholarship?

The Foreign Fulbright Graduate Student Program is the answer. Established in 1946 by Senator J. William Fulbright, the program enables American students to teach and travel in countries across the globe. As the mission statement of the Institute of International Education declares, "the goal of the program is to increase understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries through educational exchange."

Hamilton College is proud to be graduating a recipient of the Fulbright grant in the class of 2002. Joe Livingston will be traveling to Jordan in the fall to conduct his Fulbright studies.

Always fascinated by politics, Joe said, "After coming to Hamilton and specifically after studying abroad, I realized that I was much more interested in global affairs, and in particular the Middle East." Joe spent his junior year abroad in Jordan and Israel. While he was visiting there, he had the opportunity to meet the people whose stories Americans only hear in limited amounts through the media. The residents of Jordan touched Joe's life, altering his perspective and giving him enough passion to be awarded a Fulbright grant.

Joe will use his Fulbright grant to work with the Palestinian refugees in Jordan. He wrote, "I am interested in studying Palestinian life and the makeup of their society in a place where Palestinians have become firmly entrenched. Palestinian refugees, though they have sought a return to Palestine for over 50 years, have established themselves firmly in Jordanian society. They have become citizens of the state and live and work as doctors and lawyers in upscale sections of the West Amman. They are also unemployed and destitute in the slums of U.N. refugee camps. I have seen both types and find the contrast striking."

The study of class that Joe will be conducting is an attempt to understand the reasons for the societal inequalities prevalent in Jordan. Interviewing Palestinian refugees in the Amman as well as local refugee specialists will give Joe a more complete picture of the disparity. Another factor he is planning to research is the effect that social class under pre-1948 British rule had on current Palestinian culture in the Jordan region.

Joe has a variety of reasons for choosing to do his post-baccalaureate work in Jordan. "A

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Fulbright Scholar will teach English in Southern Germany

Boisvert one of two Hamilton seniors to be named recipient of prestigious Fulbright Teaching Assistantship

by Kathleen M. McGrory '05
NEWS EDITOR

Teaching was never quite in the game plan for senior Daniel Boisvert.

"It was something I never wanted to do. Both of my parents are professors; I really wanted to get a desk job somewhere and work out of my own little cubicle," he laughed.

Nonetheless, the German language major has been named the recipient of a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship, one of the nation's top distinctions for graduating seniors interested in teaching abroad. Boisvert's Fulbright will fund his travels to Baden Wuerttemberg in Southwest Germany, where he plans to assistant teach English as a Second Language.

Like teaching, German was not always in Boisvert's plans; after living in France Boisvert was already fluent in French, and sought to learn another language upon beginning his studies on the Hill. According to Boisvert, his pre-advisor recommended German, a class that he soon decided to take.

"It really was a random choice," he said. "I knew that I loved languages, though. They are my passion."

Boisvert ended up spending the entirety of his junior year in Germany, a cultural immersion that lasted nearly 51 weeks. He studied abroad on a program run by Tufts University to a city with "about 75,000 people, about 35,000 students, and about 5,000 Americans."

"The best thing about studying in Germany was the independence that the students are granted," he said. "It's that 'you have to do it for yourself' feeling; if you take the initiative and go out and be a part of the culture, you can easily become proficient in the language."

"When we were in Germany, we would spend hours and hours just speaking in German; we'd try to fiddle with the language, make the most complicated German sentences possible," added Boisvert. "It's like a puzzle, the German language. That's what's so amazing about it."

During this time, Boisvert also had the opportunity to assistant teach English; his experiences led to the development of an interest in education, and, moreover, the desire to continue teaching English as a Second Language.

PHOTO BY ANNA GRITTEN '03
Dan Boisvert '02.

"In Germany I had the opportunity to assistant teach English for two weeks. The school year ended, and I ended up living in Former East Germany. I spent four weeks there teaching. After that I knew that I wanted to teach," he said.

"One of the most rewarding experiences of being in Germany was, quite honestly, just talking with the students. It was really very interesting to find out what they thought of us, and I'm sure they were interested to know what

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Tenured professor profile: Mitchell Stevens

Professor of Sociology settles onto the Hill that has provided him with "resources, freedom, and encouragement"

Editor's Note: During the April meeting of the Board of Trustees four faculty members were granted tenure: Professor of Theater and Dance Craig Latrell, Professor of Africana Studies Tracy Sharpley-Whiting, Professor of Creative Writing and English Doran Larson, and Professor of Sociology Mitchell Stevens. The following is the third in a four-part series profiling each of the professors. Look in next week's issue for the final installment.

by Sarah Karalunas '04
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Students of newly tenured Professor of Sociology Mitchell Stevens say that his multi-faceted personality brings life to his classroom.

"He's a real character in class, but he's also really brilliant," said Molly McKnight '02, a student who is currently working on her senior thesis with Stevens.

Stevens said that he came to Hamilton because of "the presumption here that both scholarship and teaching are important. That's not true... at some bigger research institutions."

In addition, said Stevens, Hamilton draws academically gifted students: "This school attracts not just young people, but smart young people. You get something back from them intellectually."

Since coming he has tried to balance his desires to teach and to do research. Sociology 202 (Sociology of Education) is one of Stevens's favorite classes to teach at Hamilton because of the range of students that the class draws.

"You get a classroom that represents the range of the world that Hamilton serves. Students who are rich, not rich; those from some of the most affluent public and private high schools and those from schools with fewer resources; you get political conservatives and political liberals," said Stevens.

"[T]here are so few places where students from diverse backgrounds come together to discuss issues of race, class inequality, and the promise of education in America to create opportunities," he continued.

Stevens says that having such a mixed group of students can sometimes lead to tense conversation, but as a professor he tries to encourage students to distinguish between facts and their own opinions.

"The gift of sociology as a discipline is that it gives us a basis to talk about these issues independent of our opinions," Stevens said.

Stevens's current area of research focuses on college admissions at schools "similar to Hamilton." He is examining how admissions officers make decisions when comparing students based on a variety of different criteria, such as academic ability, athletic ability, legacy status, and extracurricular activities.

"Liberal arts colleges are an American thing; they haven't traveled well," explained Stevens. "I think that by learning how liberal arts colleges work, we can learn something about higher education in America in general."

Stevens credits Hamilton for providing him, and other faculty members, with the "resources, freedom, and encouragement" to work on projects such as his current one.

"Hamilton is very good at creating conditions under which students and faculty can do extraordinary things," said Stevens.

Stevens points out, however, that Hamilton also has weaknesses, many of which it does not want to acknowledge.

"We're too heavily invested in being nice to each other," said Stevens. "We could be a much better institution if we were more critical of ourselves."

One reason, suggests Stevens, is that Americans in general tend to avoid talking about political issues because those issues are the most likely to create conflict. He compares the American citizens' experience to that of the Israelis and Palestinians, people who "don't have the luxury of avoiding politics in favor of being nice."

Stevens also suggests that Hamilton avoids self-criticism because of its investment in creating an ill-defined sense of "community." However, it is this self-criticism that Stevens believes is essential in communities.

"If community is a place where people are openly struggling with difference and dis-

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Editorial

The Spectator

Editorial:

77% of Hamilton students don't drink and drive. Or, to put it another way, almost 1/4 of the students on this campus put their lives, their friends' lives, and the lives of strangers at risk by getting into a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. Perhaps more dismaying are the results of a survey recently published in *The New York Times* showing that this statistic is typical for most college campuses.

However, the survey also revealed that there are effective ways of combating the disturbing trend. Currently, Hamilton, along with many colleges throughout the country, uses what is called a "social norms" campaign to try to convince students that their dangerous behaviors are neither appropriate nor typical of their peers' actions. Unfortunately, statistics often fail to communicate the human pain and suffering caused by drunk drivers. Instead, the survey found that campaigns that included pictures of accident victims and testimonials were far more effective in reducing drunk driving, as well as drinking in general, on campuses.

Perhaps it would serve Hamilton best if a more personal approach to spreading information replaced the traditional social norms campaign. The Rome Department of Motor Vehicles currently has a car, mangled and burned as the result of a drunk driving accident, on its front lawn to show people firsthand the effects of their poor decisions. If Hamilton could use its funds to procure a similar display for the center of the quad, even for a short time, the percentage of students drinking and driving would likely decrease exponentially.

Students, and all people in general, will respond more to information that strikes an emotional chord than to statistics and numbers that allow them to depersonalize the potential consequences of their actions. If Hamilton administrators are serious about eliminating drunk driving, they must switch tactics, or at least combine their current methods with more personal means of communicating with students.

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Words to look for:

coolattas, townies, breakfast sandwiches
bagels, whipped cream, hot chocolate
muffins, coffee, munchkins
cranberry juice, iced drinks, donuts

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Registrar's Office anticipates few problems for this Monday's Class of 2005 web registration window

*from **Web Registration**, page 1*

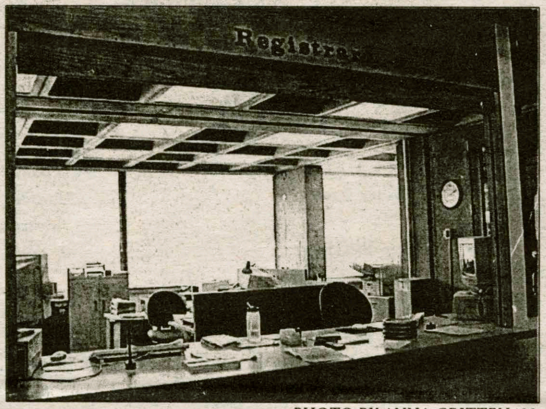
system. KJ 220 was also opened for those students who did not have access to a computer in their own room or wanted to register near the Registrar's Office. In addition, a student lab assistant was on hand to assist students in any way possible.

"Our intention was to be available to answer questions related to registration and possibly help with some problems students might experience trying to log in or navigate in Web Advisor," said Friedel.

However, despite the efforts of the administration, many members of the Class of 2003 encountered difficulties and frustration while trying to register.

"I guess web registration is a good idea, but the problem with it at Hamilton was that the testing was way too limited. They just threw it out there. It was like 'Hey guys! It's web registration!' and with that, the program was supposed to work perfectly. It didn't; there were just so many problems. I know of the 500 people in my class, every last one got up at 6 a.m. to register," said Nick Roberge '03, a government major.

"What angers me is that this time I would have been first in line. I'm in the L-R section; I would have been way up there. When the server froze on Monday, it was like I got thrown to the end of the line," he added. "I'm sympathetic, and I'm a calm, cool guy, but I've never been so angry as I was on Monday. I was simmering."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The Registrar's Office, oddly empty during prime registration hours.

Nonetheless, Friedel was very pleased with the students' reactions to WebRegistration. "First, I know that many students were very frustrated by the problems in the early morning, but they were all very polite and understanding of the situation. I think that once they did access the system, they found it easy to use," she said.

To avoid further problems, the staff of the Registrar's Office plans to be available to aid members of the classes of 2004 and 2005 from 6:00-8:30 a.m. on the first day of each registration period. Additionally, KJ 220 will be open for those who need a computer or who would like support nearby.

"Now that we have the big problem solved, we should see a very smooth registration for the Classes of 2004 and 2005," explained Friedel. "There will be some issues; students who can't access the system because they lost their passwords, students who have holds, closed courses... but these are the same issues we experienced during in-person registration in the past. The difference is that now students are finding these problems during the business day, and they can find someone, an advisor, the Business Office, the Dean of Students Office, to talk with and maybe resolve the issue."

Student volunteers help Accepted Students Open House run smoothly

*from **Open House**, page 1*

the event was the overnight hosting program, in which current Hamilton students volunteer to take one or two prospectives into their dorm rooms for a taste of unfiltered Hamilton student life.

"I was incredibly impressed with the number of students that volunteered to help out," Thomas said. "It probably was the largest number of students we've ever had at one time."

The hosting program was organized by two students, Adrienne Taylor '04 and Jarrel Price '04, who were in charge of female and male hosting assignments, respectively.

"We had so many enthusiastic Hamilton students volunteer that we did not have any problems finding hosts," commented Taylor. "All in all, I believe that everyone had a great time, and hopefully we will see many familiar faces on campus next year."

Price echoed her sentiments, commenting, "Despite having over 220 prospectives on campus, we actually ended up with a significant number of extra student volunteers. Blessed by great weather and a problem-free day of events, I think that the Accepted Student Open House was a great success and will be responsible for helping to bring a distinguished class of students to Hamilton next fall."

With an average SAT score of 1340, next year's freshman class should be one of the more academically capable in recent years. In addition, there will be slightly more in the class of 2006 than in that of 2005. This increase will come despite one of Hamilton's most selective years ever, a year in which only 34 percent of applicants were accepted.

Thanks to the hard work of both students and administrators, accepted students, likely already aware of Hamilton's solid academic reputation, had the opportunity to see college life outside the classroom at its finest. In the hopes of the organizers, this visit will have been enough to convince the prospective members of the class of 2006 to become a part of the Hamilton community.

Stevens challenges students to excel

*from **Tenure**, page 4*

agreement for some corporate benefit, then no, I don't see very much community at Hamilton," says Stevens.

To counter this, says Stevens, Hamilton will first have to admit "out loud that it's mediocre in some ways."

In particular, says Stevens, Hamilton is not good at saying no, meaning "no, that teacher is not good enough; no, that student is not working hard enough; no, you can't have something just so you'll be quiet and go away."

Leann Atkinson '02, who is working on her senior thesis project with guidance from Stevens, says that it is in Stevens's nature to challenge the people and things around him. "He's so caring. He always goes above and beyond and always makes you realize that you can go above and beyond too," said Atkinson. "He makes you realize you can do so much more than you think you can."

Klausen offers advice to students interested in foreign service

*from **Klausen**, page 1*

tively smoothly, and that "our interests existed in Asia long before September 11th, and will continue there long after." He also emphasized economics as being the key to continuing good relations, explaining that democracy and economic prosperity are inexorably linked; "the right of individuals to... express their views is the cornerstone of economic growth."

Before the main lecture, Klausen gave a talk to Hamilton students about getting into the foreign service, and what employment in embassies and the State Department is like. He briefly went over his various appointments in Sweden, Taiwan, and Washington, D.C., explaining how he got where and what the various positions were like. To enter the foreign service, a candidate has to take a written exam, but no longer necessarily needs a graduate degree to be employed there as was the situation in the past.

Klausen rejected some common conceptions about foreign service work, that diplomats simply "eat for their country" or learn how to master the "patriotic art of lying for your country." He insisted that foreign service mainly involves four main responsibilities: Advising the president and secretary of state, coordinating foreign policy, implementing foreign policy, and protecting American interests. The latter, he believed, "is the most important of all," especially after September 11th. After the attacks the whole "warden" system in Hong Kong, which maintains up-to-date contact with all American citizens in the city, tripled in size.

He finished his talk by saying that a "career in the Foreign Service is already a varied one," and that "challenges [in the foreign service] are always changing." He then took questions from eager students and possible prospective foreign service officers. He remarked about one of his worst experiences as an officer; when the American Embassy in Taiwan was besieged by angry protestors, with him and a handful of other officials and marines inside. He commented that he never feared for his life and was reassured by knowing that the White House (which he referred to as their "mother" in this situation) was constantly being updated as to their situation, which thankfully was deflated after a few hours.

Ending his talk on U.S.-Asia relations, he emphasized the role of non-governmental organizations such as the APEC (Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation) in aiding economic growth, trading with first-world nations such as the U.S., and increasing the continuing process of democratization in many of these nations.

Livingston to learn firsthand "by observation and by listening"

*from **Livingston**, page 4*

lot of people don't understand my need or desire to go to Jordan, but I generally think that is the problem. I want to learn by observation and by listening, not simply by the media which is often the only source of information for many Americans," he said. One hope is to learn first-hand about the people that intrigued him so much when he first visited the country a year ago. "I want to tell people about the U.S. and our politics (since everyone is fascinated by this topic) and then relay first-hand the experiences I have had there when I return. I think that is largely the point that Senator Fulbright had in mind."

Study abroad experience inspires teaching assistantship

*from **Boisvert**, page 4*

we thought of them," Boisvert added. "They'd ask me questions, like: Is your dad Jerry Springer? And I'd have to answer: Close, he's a philosophy professor."

After the end of the 51 week experience abroad, Boisvert returned to Hamilton for his senior year. "I came back four days before the start of the semester; I was still jet-lagged in my classes," he laughed.

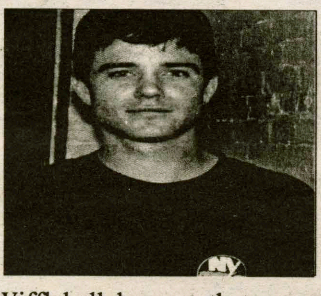
On the Hill Boisvert is active as an ultimate Frisbee player. Additionally, for three years at Hamilton, he was a member of both the jazz band and the orchestra.

At present, Boisvert is concentrating on his thesis, a piece being written entirely in German. "I'm getting a lot out of it. I finally have the opportunity to write something I believe in," he said of his work.

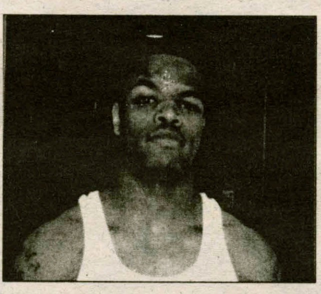
The Fulbright program was proposed in 1945 by Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas; the Senator wished to form a grant program in order to promote "mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries of the world."

Hamilton Unscripted: What is your favorite outdoor spring activity?

"Drunken sex on the third hole of the golf course after a G-Road party."
-Alyssa Menegat '05



"Wiffleball, because that means I can strike Chris Preston out three times everyday."
-Tim Berbenich '02



"Boozin' out in front of Carnegie, watching Campus Safety drive by knowing they can't do a damn thing about it."
-Marcus Juba '03

"IM kickball, because it occasionally turns into mud wrestling."
-Lauren Kiley '04

"The 30-pack nine hole challenge."
-Tom Ditzer '04

Lauren & Selena's Top Ten: Mission #4: Free Advice

Since President Tobin bribed Mother Nature with this year's Annual Fun profits to ensure the most beautiful day for prospective students' Open House, we decided to take advantage of the hundreds of lost parents and students by opening our own Free Advice booth.

SELENA COPPOCK '02 AND LAUREN REYNOLDS '02

We were inspired by the Peers Educating Peers Action Group (or, PEPAG as insiders call it) and as two of the (self-proclaimed) wisest seniors in the class of 2002, we decided to educate our peers whether they liked it or not.

You are probably wondering: Lauren and Selena, don't you always give out offensively honest opinions? Indeed, we do. But this time we had a giant white sign.

As the lunch crowd poured out of Commons, confusion ruled Martin's Way. Passer-bys looked at our "Free Advice" sign and asked "Is it free?" Ahh, another gem of the Econ department.

There may be no such thing as a free lunch, but there is such a thing as free advice. Once people came to understand the theory, cockiness dominated the vast majority of answers; "I'm all set," "I think I know everything," and the even insulting, "I need advice, but not from you." (We are still perplexed by why they wouldn't need advice from us.)

Boggle Club founder Dan Hayes likened us to Charlie Brown's Lucy, "It's like Lucy's free advice for a dollar booth." Yes, just like that. Except free.

There wasn't a cloud in the sky, but in the words of the Weather Girls, "It [was] raining men." Guys from every direction bombarded us with shocking and sometimes even horrifying hook-up inquiries. "Does this look normal?" "How do I get rid of this hickey?" "It won't stop itching - what should I do?" Apparently free beer wasn't the only thing given out at last weekend's DPhi party.

One gutsy guys' lacrosse player asked, "How do I get an ATX girl in bed?" to which Selena replied, "I'll answer that question at the bar tonight."

The female population's questions were less provocative but equally telling. One young lass inquired, "How do I find the right DU brother?" to which we simply replied, "Head over to Milbank 13 and just yell, 'I'm sooooo drunk.'"

One more experienced female asked us, "How do I get my bra back after a hook-up gone wrong?" Like a broken boomerang, it's gone for good. Don't get mad - get even. Trade that bra and score a basketball jersey; it's the economics of the hook-up world.

The warmer weather welcomed new spring styles, and most people on Martin's Way strutted as though they were in Katerina and the Waves' hit "Walking on Sunshine." Sadly, Brett Zalaski was not one of these people. We stopped him and warned him, "The green shirt looks good on you, but wearing your fitted baseball hat backwards looks like an oversized yarmulke and ditch the beehive-esque shoes." Brett appreciated our advice and told us he would run home to change.

Sarah Fritchey approached next and asked if there is a difference between SPF 30 and SPF 45 sunblock. We answered that everything above 30 is the same, just like how every song on KISS FM is the same. "Not that I'm a scientist, but I feel like we gave her a good answer," said Lauren as Fritchey skipped away.

Another health conscious Hamiltonian asked us when is the best time of day to go running. We broke out the Bunson burner and beakers and replied, "Eleven to two is when the sun is at its strongest, so we'd recommend any time after three."

Sexual and weather related questions aside, we were surprised by two of Hamilton's toughest guys, who asked, "How do I tell my parents that I got a tattoo?" and "What should I do after graduation?"

We advised both to follow the adage, "I am who I am, without apologies." We told them to follow their heart and pursue their passion in every facet of life (but rethink any aspirations of touring with Sugar Ray).

We now knew the sense of accomplishment that a true PEPAG member must feel everyday.

We toyed with the idea of erecting a permanent advice booth, but then we realized that the free advice was, well.. FREE, and that a career in free advice pays about as well as not at all.

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In-line v. Online

I hate web registration. Sure, aside from a few annoying little glitches in the system, it was relatively simple and painless.

CHRIS PRESTON '03
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

And yes, it is high time that Hamilton joins the 21st century like the rest of America.

But I'll be honest-I'm going to miss the days of enduring long lines while chumming it up with my fellow L-through-R'ians.

There is precious little in life that can match the camaraderie that comes with sharing two hours of complaints (sometimes with relative strangers) that extend no further than the dwindling possibility of getting that Intro to Video class or about the excruciating lower back pains you are experiencing thanks to those unforgiving concrete KJ floors.

Remember, as a starry-eyed, timid little freshman, when you first registered for classes at the end of Orientation Week? Think about the special bonds that were formed in the dark hallways of KJ. The social networking opportunities were limitless.

Say you were a resident of Root (I was just so fortunate) or even MacIntosh, just aching to meet some hip Light Sider who had the skinny on the crazy late-nights happenings that involved something far more exciting than a movie in your room or, in my tv-less/computer-less case, endless games of solitaire.

Where better to meet them than registration? Or better yet, perhaps that hot chick from your orientation group so happens to have a last name in the vicinity of yours.

Registration allows you to a) go hit on her, b) check her out from a close proximity for a good couple of hours, or c) at least limit your search for her picture in the freshman face book to those last names your alphabetical group encompasses.

But alas, thanks to Hamilton's desire to do the trendy thing and join the technological revolution, those days are gone.

Now we are relegated to the boring activity of sitting at our desks for anywhere between two minutes and four hours (that's what you get for actually waking up at 6 a.m., you nerds) staring at a computer-which I know for some of you is an extracurricular activity anyway.

No more camaraderie, no more social networking, and for we upperclassmen, no more opportunities to absorb the ambience of our favorite Dark Side social space.

I fear, like you the reader no doubt fear, that the web registration effects will be catastrophic.

Alphabetical bonds will disintegrate, hot freshman girls will disappear into anonymity, and potential avenues of pleasure for the Root and MacIntosh inhabitants of the world will be cut off.

Aside from having two to three more hours of free time during registration week, not to mention a sharp decrease in KJ-floor/brick wall inspired back spasms among students, I see no good ever coming from this web registration madness.

This will spurn a series of technological advances that will rock the Tech to its very foundation. Our primitive CNY lifestyles will slowly be polluted with Dell Latitudes, electronic Playboys, and robots.

Office hours will be conducted over time portals (you know, those cool things from Star Wars that enabled the Emperor to talk to Darth Vader even when he wasn't actually there). 30 packs of 'Stones will come in the form of IV's that will inject the poisonous liquid directly into your bloodstream, and the bouncer at Don's Rok will be a machine programmed to ID every single person that enters the bar three to four times without fail.

And Hamilton will never be the same again.

Captain Planet speaks out: The Can is in Your Hands

In honor of Earth Day, the Spec interviews "Captain Planet."

Spectator: What is one of the simplest and most effective things you can do to protect the environment?

Captain Planet: Without a doubt, recycling your own paper and containers.

Spec: But doesn't Hamilton recycle already?

CP: Yes, Hamilton does recycle, but sadly at a very low rate. The rest of the United States recycles 30% of their trash, while Hamilton only recycles 14% of its waste. Students at Middlebury College recycle at a rate of almost 60%.

Spec: What are we supposed to do if we already are recycling, but at a low rate?

CP: Well, the good gents up at Physical Plant have recently instituted a new bin system to help the students out. Now there are three bins that help you separate your trash. With new labels it's easier than ever to save the planet and become a planeteer.

Spec: How do you tell what goes where?

CP: Now there is a bin marked "Container", which includes any empty containers made of plastic, glass, tin or aluminum. Another bin is marked "Paper", which includes junk mail, computer paper, cardboard and old notes. The last container is for "Garbage".

Spec: So what happens once I put my can in the container?

CP: Well, the system depends on the students sorting their recyclables. If one student contaminates a container with garbage or the wrong material, it ruins the efforts of all the other students.

Spec: Okay, but we've all seen Physical Plant put everything into one truck. How do we know that our efforts aren't going to waste?

CP: I understand your concern, but the bags are all clear so that once they reach Physical Plant they can be sorted into recyclables and garbage. There will also be new measures implemented such as a divided truck bed to make sorting easier.

Spec: Well thanks for talking to us about Hamilton's revamped recycling program.

CP: Not a problem, just remember the can is in your hands! Earth, Fire, Wind, Water, Heart!

Any questions should be forwarded to Captain Planet's Helpers: Duncan Lawrence, Sarah McNeil, Sarah Bardenett, Charlotte Hodde or any other member of HEAG

Cliff Notes for the Irresponsible

John Randall '02
INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

This is in response to the editorial in last week's Spectator. I think it's about time someone on this campus pointed out to people that we are adults. We are (or at least should be) responsible for our choices and our actions. People on this campus continually complain that many of the policies and rules treat us as children and not as adults.

Well I for one agree and think certain policies need to be changed. But the administration is caught in a tricky spot because they are in charge of "adults" that act like children. Perhaps if the administration did not think we would drink ourselves to death hard alcohol would be permitted at parties and at the Pub on a regular basis.

I am not condoning the actions of AD nor am I condemning them either. Having attended the party in question and viewed the actions of those brothers dispensing the punch I can say with near certainty that people knew they were drinking alcohol and could have said no.

While AD should have been cautious about how much punch they supplied to people that for some frightening reason could not say no, they are not trained professionals charged with baby-sitting us.

Since this event occurred I have not heard anyone label the people that went to the hospital as irresponsible. Unless AD forced the alcohol into their system these people are almost solely responsible for their condition.

(I was unable to reach anyone in AD to see if they had, in fact, tied these people down and forced the booze into their system.)

The moral of this editorial is a plea to people not only on this campus but everywhere, **TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR ACTIONS!!!**

I am by no means perfect and without fault. I have many actions in my life that I regret or wish I could do over, but I don't blame anything or anyone else but myself for the outcomes.

I agree that fraternities do bear some responsibilities when it comes to drinking at parties but let's not forget that people do not have to drink.

There are pressures to drink but I have never encountered someone forcing another human to drink (except in Mexico, but that's another story and should be left alone.) I don't want this to sound like a D.A.R.E. program but it's OK to say no.

Let's wise up people. If you want to be treated like an adult then act like one. I am not saying don't drink because that is just plain silly.

If you like to drink then drink, but do it responsibly. If you can't then maybe you should think about seeking some help. Act like you are a reasonable, intelligent individual and learn to take responsibility for what you do and do not do.

Soon, we will be in the real world where blame generally falls directly onto those at fault. So why not learn now that you will sometimes make bad choices, believe me its inevitable, and that you need to accept the outcomes of your choices.

All of us, including myself, must own up to and learn from our mistakes as well as our successes.

It's time to stop expecting people to hold our hands and make our decisions. Time to take responsibilities for our actions and act like adults and then maybe you might be treated like one.

Weekend 'Scopes

Pisces *(February 18 - March 19)* The second semester is beginning to wear on you. Take some time like a normal college student and just veg out. Lucky activity: nothing.

Aries *(March 20 - April 19)* Now that the weather is nice again you can return to your favorite hook-up zones with that special weekend person. Lucky nightspot: Minor field.

Taurus *(April 20 - May 19)* Inevitably, your very important files will somehow be lost this weekend. Repeat this lucky word after me: backup.

Gemini *(May 20 - June 20)* Don't even think about it. The answer is inevitably no.

Cancer *(June 21 - July 21)* Everyone's luck runs out sometime. Be careful outside, the birds have great aim. Lucky article of clothing: hat.

Leo *(July 22 - August 22)* Your animal magnetism will come through for you. Lucky Drink: Jungle Juice.

Virgo *(August 23 - September 21)* Now's the time to start sucking up to your professors for those grades. Lucky bribe: cookies.

Libra *(September 22 - October 22)* You are feeling a bit lonely lately. Go buy a kiddy pool and be amazed at how quickly your friends find you. Lucky store: Toys R Us.

Scorpio *(October 23 - November 21)* A close friend is going to get some action this week. Help them out by stopping by the health center and picking up some condoms to spread strategically around their room. Lucky number: 69.

Sagittarius *(November 22 - December 20)* Despite what you believe, people can see in that window. Lucky accessory: binoculars.

Capricorn *(December 21 - January 19)* Make sure the right balls are involved when playing sports this weekend. Lucky exclamation: Score!

Aquarius *(January 20 - February 17)* Put thought into what you wear this weekend, the public doesn't need to see that much. Lucky slogan: Bigger is better.

Thumbs Up

- Drunken Friday fun on the hill at Royce Field
- The pledge taxi service filling the void left from Uncle and Aunt Jitney's domestic dispute
- Amanda Chase, the Carnegie baking sensation
- Having the balls to play the first hole of the golf course during the baseball game

Thumbs Down

- WebAdvisor: The biggest debacle since Y2K
- People who complain about the heat
- Finding out what the "P" in Paul P. Jones *really* stands for
- Rhinocerous: the anti-hippopotamus

Who Cares?

- Tobin selling his soul to the Devil for perfect weather on prospective students day
- The Keehn Elf's attempts at a meat-free campus
- The ongoing sorority battle for Martin's Way bench supremacy
- Slow bridge walkers: get the hell out of the way

by Lauren Reynolds, Paul P. Jones & Chris Preston

Science

The chemistry behind forensic science

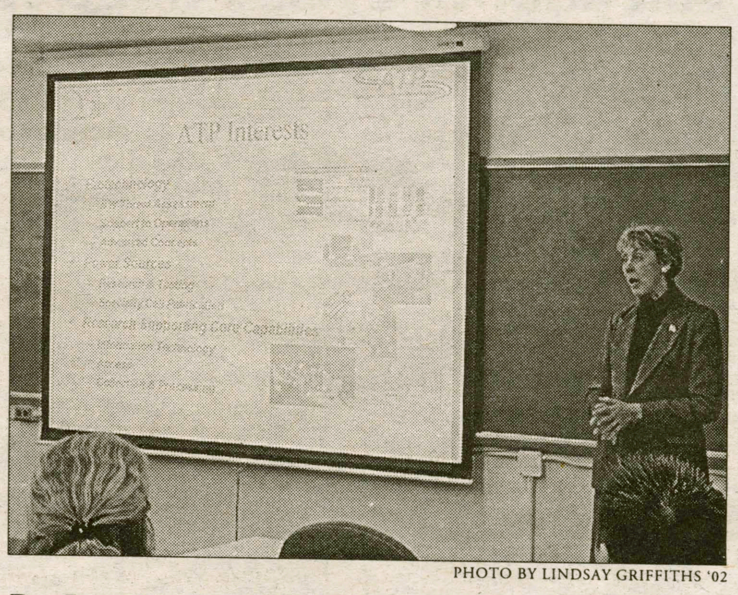
By Tim Evans '05
SCIENCE WRITER

Dr. Janet Dorigan, Senior Biological Research Advisor for the Central Intelligence Agency, gave a chemistry seminar on Friday on "Forensic Applications of Stable Isotopes." The isotopic composition of materials such as drugs, counterfeit money, and food products provide a chemical fingerprint that pinpoints the location where the materials were produced, reveals adulteration of the products, and helps reconstruct trafficking routes.

Isotopes are atoms of the same element that have different numbers of neutrons, and hence different masses. For example, all carbon atoms have six positively charged protons and six negatively charged electrons. Most carbon atoms have six neutral neutrons. These are called carbon-12 atoms because in their nucleii are six protons and six neutrons. Carbon-14 (also written ^{14}C), a familiar isotope of carbon, however, has eight neutrons (and six protons) in its nucleus. Ninety-nine percent of carbon atoms in nature are ^{12}C atoms, 0.000001% are radioactive ^{14}C atoms, and about 1% are stable ^{13}C atoms (which have seven neutrons). While the abundance of ^{14}C isotopes can date once-living materials through radioactive decay, ^{13}C isotopes' usefulness is both more immediate and more lasting: the ratio of ^{13}C:^{12}C atoms remains constant in a molecule as long as the molecule remains intact. Stable isotopes, such as carbon-13, nitrogen-15 (^{15}N), and oxygen-18 (^{18}O), are found in low quantities in nature, but their relative abundances in a substance do not change as long as the molecules of that substance remain intact.

The ratio between a stable isotope and its corresponding major isotope, for example, ^{15}N:^{14}N, serves as a fingerprint for the source location of a material because it is different in different places. The U.S. government purchases cotton from Texas to make paper currency. In the "Supernote" $100 bill counterfeit case, the CIA compared the ^{18}O:^{16}O ratio of the Texas cotton to that of cotton from seized counterfeit bills. The counterfeit bills had a wide range of ratios, but none were even close to the Texas cotton ratio. The wide range showed that the counterfeiters purchased cotton in small quantities from different locations, and the quantities purchased indicated that the counterfeiters could not have produced a large enough amount of bills to affect the economy. The variety of locations, however, made the counterfeit money difficult to track; the case has still not been solved.

Stable isotope ratios also detect adulteration, the intentional substitution of one molecular component with another, cheaper one, of food products. When plants are involved, however, not only can forensic scientists determine the source location, but they can also exploit different



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Dr. Janet Dorigan speaks about the use of isotopes in forensic science.

photosynthetic processes that different plants undergo. For example, beer is made of barley and wheat, both of which undergo C3 photosynthesis (it goes through an intermediate sugar with three carbons). Corn syrup, a cheap "substitute" for barley, however, undergoes C4 photosynthesis (the intermediate sugar has four carbons). The different photosynthetic processes result in clearly different ^{13}C:^{12}C isotope ratios, making adulteration obvious.

Photosynthesis similarly exposes adulteration of honey. Honey is made from C3 plants, but modifiers can substitute corn syrup or cane sugar, both C4 plants, for natural ingredients in honey. The ^{18}O:^{16}O ratio can pinpoint the location of bottled water, detecting fraudulent claims about where the water was bottled. Also, comparing carbon (from photosynthesis of eaten plants), nitrogen (from soil), and oxygen (from water) stable isotope ratios between pastures and milk identify tell the source of milk.

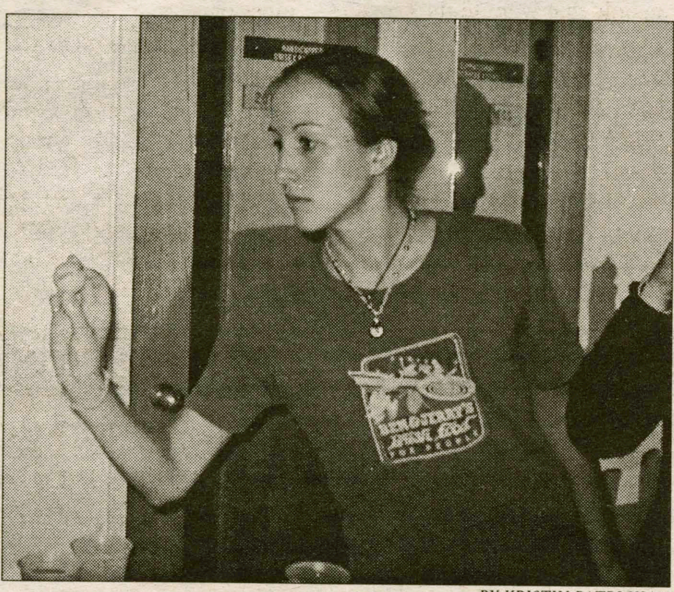
Stable carbon and oxygen isotope ratios can trace document fraud; specifically, it can determine if a page was "added" to a signed document after it was signed. If the paper came from a different origin, it will have different ratios. Carbon, nitrogen, and oxygen ratios can also be used to trace explosives, particularly whether they are foreign or domestic.

Also, the location source of seized drugs can be pinpointed by the environmental impact on their stable isotope ratios of carbon from photosynthesis, nitrogen from soil, and oxygen from water. The CIA used this analysis to track morphine and heroine, but its "big success" was with cocaine-stable isotope analysis alone could pinpoint the source of cocaine with 93% confidence. The advantages to this type of analysis are that it is independent of how the drugs were prepared, and the identification of cocaine from a certain area is predictable based on the area's leaves. Carbon and nitrogen ratios can also be used to test the purity of cocaine; it can be adulterated with caffeine or sugar.

Finally, carbon and oxygen isotopes in hair can show where someone's been and what kind of food he's been eating. If a person went from Utah, where C4 plants are abundant, to Mongolia, where C3 plants are abundant, scientists would be able to see the change in carbon ratio in his hair in a matter of six days. This technique is currently being used to see if detainees accused of terrorism stayed in the United States or traveled to one of Bin Laden's training camps.

Dr. Dorigan ended her presentation by encouraging students to work as scientists for the CIA, praising its flexibility and support. The talk was sponsored by the Hamilton chapter of the American Chemical Society.

Sciencey-Wiencey



BY KRISTIN PATRICK '03

When she's not putting electrodes in her rat Suzie's head, she can be found in Keehn building hats with her molecular model building set. Her name is Kateri Spinelli. She's this week's Sciencey-Wiencey.

Name: Kateri Spinelli '03
Major/Minor: Neuroscience/Religious Studies
Career Aspirations: "I'd like to do neurological research on altered states of consciousness."
Why science at Hamilton? "I was really drawn to all the dead stuffed animals on the 2nd floor."
If you could be any Hamilton science professor for a day, who would you be? "Professor Gescheider, so I can talk about golden nuggets all day."
If you could be any element, what would you be? Helium (He)
Visualizing a gel on the transilluminator-goggles or no goggles? "Definitely goggles."
Favorite means of inducing apoptosis: Exposure to UV light
Favorite song: "Golgi Apparatus"
Your hero(es)? Mr. Goodbody and Bill Nye the Science Guy
Biggest complaint about Science at Hamilton: "The lack of bike racks outside the Science building"

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A Historic Landmark: Kirkland Turns 175

Celebratory calendar of events to extend throughout November

by Amy Kopriva '02
FEATURES EDITOR

Bring on the party hats. The town of Kirkland officially celebrated its 175th birthday last weekend on Saturday, April 13th. Let me do the math for you: yes, that means that April 13, 1827 marked the founding of the town of Kirkland. The opening ceremonies of the celebration began last Saturday afternoon and will continue throughout November. Last weekend's events began at 1p.m with a dedication of the new town municipal building in Franklin Springs on Rt. 12B. After this ceremony most attendees traveled to the Clinton Historical Society for another ceremony at 2 p.m.

Dick Williams village historian and president of the Clinton Historical Society, described this meeting as an opportunity to "host a brief program about the history of the town." He noted that several town officials attended, including the state senator and the county executive. According to Williams, in the true spirit of a birthday party, all attendees indulged in cake and punch. The following day, the Stone Presbyterian Church hosted a celebratory service at 2 p.m. Williams tells us that approximately eight families originally settled in the area; most of them came from Connecticut and were Congregationalists. He also noted the extraordinary detail that within three weeks of being in the area, the settlers held a church service.

The festivities continued on Tuesday night with 120 people gathering at the Shenandoah Club on Norton Avenue. According to Williams, a half dozen guests of honor attended, some of who were the oldest citizens of the town, while others were descendants of the early settlers. All of the residents were in their 80s and 90s, he said. Williams noted that some community members who meet these qualifications were unable to attend because of infirmities or due to scheduling conflicts. The event was open to the public.

Serving as the town historian for the past three years, Williams has been a member of the planning committee for the anniversary celebration for the past year and a half. Perhaps Williams is drawn to the cause of historical preservation because of his personal history, which includes the unique element of continuing to live in the house in which he was born! In talking about the goals of these events, Williams commented, "Our town has a rich heritage. We wanted to host events that make people more aware. We encourage people to research their family histories. Everything has a history: businesses, schools, churches, everything. These things should be preserved. We want to awaken people to do that and make it interesting [to them]."

Williams serves in several capacities in town historical endeavors. He recently published a book entitled Kirkland since 1827, which is now available at many town locations, including the Town Clerk's Office. He also periodically writes articles for *The Clinton Courier* about local historical topics. Last January, he hosted a program with Dick Couper, book conservator of Burke Library, on the history of the Alexander Hamilton Inn. The Inn was built in 1825. In addition to occasionally hosting programs through the Clinton Historical Society, from time to time he presents a slide show that includes 80 slides about the history of Kirkland and Clinton.

He noted that he is "very pleased with the community response" to the Committee's plea to town and community organizations to host events.

Celebratory events concerning the 175th Anniversary of Kirkland will continue until November. The *Features* section will publish upcoming events in the next couple of issues:

April 21st: St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Clark Mills will host a chicken and biscuit dinner from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. St. Mark's, built in 1865, is one of the oldest churches in town.

April 27th: the Clark Mills Historical Center will host an event including an Ethnic Foods Lunch, bake sale, and quilt display at the Senior Citizens Center in Clark Mills from 12 p.m. to 3p.m.

May 4th: The Kirkland Cottage will be open to the public. The Emerson Gallery American Art will be open for visiting.

CNY eateries: Breaking free of campus cuisine

by Celine Geiger '04
FEATURES WRITER

You know you've been in this situation before: the long lines in Commons are out of control, McEwen has failed another health inspection, Tony's and Roma's are taking two hours to deliver, and if you hear the phrase "Chicken fingers for a wrap!" one more time from a diner employee, you might just go insane.

And the last meal you ate was a Danish you shoved in your mouth on the way to class at 9 a.m.this morning.

"Where can I get some good food?" you cry out in desperation. Then, it dawns on you: good food is all around. You go to college in the restaurant mecca that is Central New York. Surely, there must be some place that's affordable and has something to offer. You ask around. Roommates, hallmates, teachers, friends. It seems like everyone has a favorite. Suddenly, the possibilities seem endless. And daunting. How do you decide which one to choose?

The perennially gray skies of Clinton are clearing, and you want to get the gang together for a quality meal before you go your separate ways for summer vacation. Or maybe you're feeling a case of

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spring fever and are looking for a last-ditch attempt to woo your crush. Whatever. Going out to eat can be an enjoyable experience if you choose the right place - and we're going to break it down for you now.

For those I-have-19-pages-left-of-a-20-page-paper-and-I've-been-stuck-inside-working-all-day-and-haven't-eaten-anything-in-24-hours moments, both Tony's and Roma's are popular delivery places that can double as sit-down restaurants (square or triangle pizza -- the choice is up to you). Subway is also a popular and cheap dinner alternative within close proximity to the Hill. In town is also Alteri's, which offers quality Italian food at affordable prices. Says Andy Vermilyea '04, "Alteri's is my favorite because the sandwiches are good and it is inexpensive."

Strolling along West Park Row, Adirondack Coffee House is a hotspot among Hamilton students for its wide selection of coffees and sandwiches. The intimate setting works as a place for catching up with friends, holding meetings, and even studying over a latte when students get tired of Café Opus. "I was just at ACH Saturday for lunch," says Jon Stocker '04. "There's a crazy waitress there, and the food is good. ACH and the local 'diner-type' spots are my favorite places to go."

Kurt Simer '04 also enjoys the local small town fare: "I really enjoy restaurants like The Only Cafe, TOB, and the Mason Jar. They are great restaurants with very good food, atmosphere, and prices."

Looming at the end of West Park Row in a glow of white lights is the infamous O'Connor's Alexander Hamilton Inn. While the downstairs area offers munchies at reasonable rates, the upstairs dining rooms are worth their fair share of recycled 30 racks. "I've always wanted to go there just to see what all the hype is about," reveals Carla Fabrizi '04. A full meal for two typically runs around $70-- but that doesn't take away from the legendary connotation associated with the phrase Al Ham.

Kat McGrory '05 explains: "Seeing as I'm a freshman and this school prohibits me from having a car and thus, having a social life off the Hill, the last time I actually went off campus to eat was in November. My roommate and I walked down the Hill to the Alexander Hamilton, but not the fancy part. We are college kids and working on a limited budget. In November, we really didn't even contemplate going anywhere else. We had to go to the Hamilton. Otherwise, it would have been sacrilege; like visiting Washington D.C. without making a pit stop at the Washington Monument." From downtown, a quick ride with Uncle Jitney will take you to another legendary location -- the beloved Sangertown Mall. Many students noted that the cheapest food to come by can be found here in the mall's picturesque food court. With Taco Bell, Mickey D's, and the Flaming Wok, you can't go wrong if you're in the mood for a quick fast food fix. For the big spenders, Ruby Tuesday's is just a few stores away, offering an enticing array of burgers, sandwiches, and colorful alcoholic beverages.

Similar in cuisine and right across Route 5 are a string of restaurants, including Zebb's, Carmella's, and the Ground Round. Zebb's and Ground Round offer traditional American food, though the atmosphere and menu selection of Zebb's is more 50s diner-esque while Ground Round is basically mainstream. Carmella's, which Marjorie Kazin '04 describes as "decent cheap food," is generally split between American and Italian fare. Stephanie Higgins '04 agrees that both Carmella's food and proximity to the Hill make for a great night out.

However, according to Ham Tech students, the best Italian food around by far can be found at Bella Cucina on Commercial Drive. "Good Italian food," "inexpensive prices," and "great homemade desserts" were some of the reasons

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The good, the bad, and the ugly of TV culture

by Beth Scagnelli '04
FEATURES WRITER

Since the invention of the television in the early 1920s (www.inventorsmuseum.com/television.htm), this electronic machine has had a tremendous impact on American society, not to mention the rest of the world. All of a sudden, information was immediately available like never before, taking viewers to the other side of the country, to the front lines of a distant battlefield, to places of civil unrest. It was better than the radio, which could only tell rather than show Americans the news. It was better than the newspaper, bringing updates to audiences as soon as stories broke. Today, it continues to be one of the most important conveyors of information, as well as fulfilling an addition entertainment role.

Hamilton students have mixed feelings about the effects of television, however. Has television created a more informed society, or has it had a more negative impact on society? Rich Muniz '02 comments, "Television has been a huge influence and is one of the reasons why cinema attendance has plummeted since the 1950s. Furthermore, television has taken Americans away from being outside and [has] kept them indoors. [On the other hand], it has also made the world smaller, as we can now see events in Afghanistan and such from our own rooms and houses."

Kerri Spindler-Ranta '02 says, "I think [television] has taken the place of a lot of more active forms of entertainment, which involve going out or spending time with your friends. We play a lot of "Life and Monopoly" in my suite, which I think is probably more like how people used to entertain themselves [in the past], and I think [these games] enable you to at least interact with other people."

Adds Meredith Affleck '02 "I think the positive aspect of television has been the ability to communicate. I think, however, that there are too many people, children especially, who do nothing but watch television. Too many people grow up thinking real life is just like what's on TV, which makes for a shallow society."

As the number of incidents of violence in the school systems, especially grade schools, has continued to rise during the past few years, television has been blamed. Some people say that the violence depicted on television has led younger audiences to develop more volatile temperaments, leading to incidents such as the Columbine tragedy.

Many Hamilton students feel that television has contributed in part to the rise of violence in schools.

One student, who chooses to be anonymous, says, "Yes, [television] has contributed to some extent – it is one of many possible influences." Matthew Eng '02 agrees. "I think [this theory] has some validity," he says.

Affleck elaborates, "I think violence on television does contribute, but it's not the root of the cause [of violence]. Not all television shows are for children, and it's the parents' job to make sure that children watch appropriate shows. If you're going to argue that parents can't be watching all the time, well, neither should the children."

Sara Edeiken '03 feels that television contributes more than other factors to violence in school-age children. "I absolutely think that television has contributed to a rise in aggression and violence in schools. It's been one of the most significant factors to affect society since its invention. It's been used as a babysitter for children and has really contributed to our raised tolerance of immoral and unethical behavior, as well as pushed the limits of what is moral and ethical."

Lisa Czirr '04 feels quite differently. "Aggression is an individual problem, people don't get aggression solely from television. It's a mixture of different environmental factors," she explains. "People scapegoat television as a problem contributing to violence. It really doesn't have as strong [of an] effect as they say. Some people just have problems. I don't think that television is a big factor."

Last year, cable television was made available to the entire campus for the first time. Students can now access cable in each room on campus. Most students appreciate this added luxury and take advantage of it.

"I think it has been a good addition to the school," says Muniz, "because not only does it provide activities for boring nights, [but] it also allows us to continue to see our world outside of web pages."

Affleck adds, "I think it's a good addition. It's not the college's place, in my opinion, to be our parents."

Becky Kessler '03 comments, "I'd say people probably watch more television. I definitely watch more television, but I think [cable] was a good addition."

One student, on the other hand, feels rather neutral about the extension of cable access. "I don't think it makes a difference .... It's good, I guess, but I never have time to watch television, so it doesn't affect me personally."

Spindler-Ranta, another student who is not an avid, regular television viewer, says, "I think people who watch a lot of television generally were pretty happy to get cable on campus and might argue that it provides a source of entertainment that was otherwise lacking. Overall, it does keep us better informed, and it makes [the] campus feel a little less isolated."

The students who watch television semi-regularly enjoy a diverse and broad spectrum of shows and channels, ranging from "Cheers" to "Law and Order" to *The Learning Channel.* However, in terms of least favorite programs, students are nearly unanimous in declaring reality television the worst genre on the air.

Spindler-Ranta says, "I am not really a big fan of reality television. I think it's pretty ridiculous to spend so much time watching other people's lives, especially [on] shows like "Fear Factor," which [is] just sick."

"I really don't care for reality television," comments Czirr, "because now the channels are so saturated with it, and it's become so overly popular that it's

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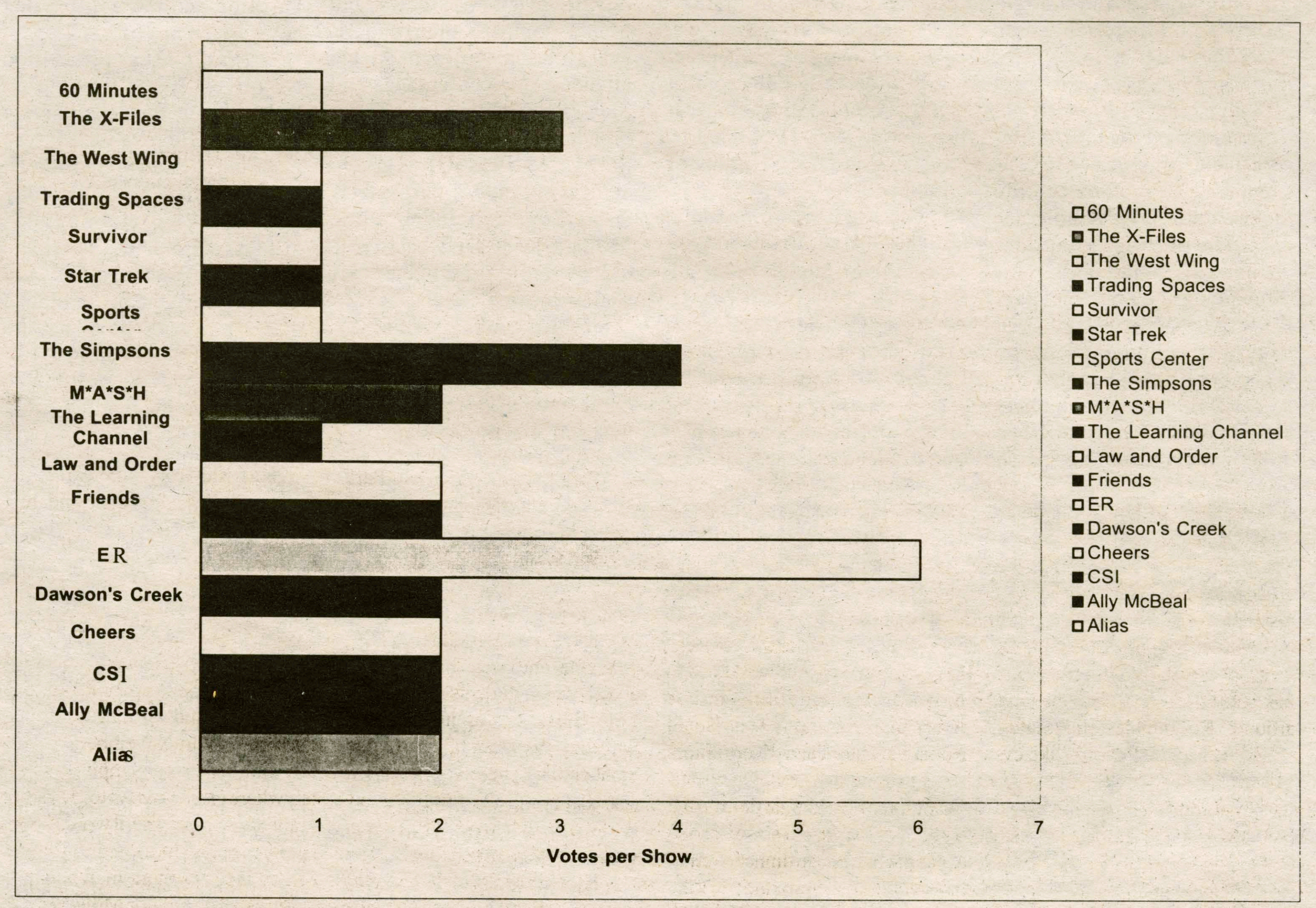
"Suffering a mild concussion when he was 13 years old, the athletic Van Der Beek was not permitted to play on the football team that year. So, for the first time, he decided to try out for the school play and landed the lead role of Danny Zuko in the school's production of Grease" (www.thewb.com). Luckily for us, the injury knocked some sense into him and brought us a heartthrob.



GRAPH BY BETH SCAGNELLI '04

Despite students' concerns about the connection between TV and violence in children, as well as if it makes us lazy, for most people it's just a kind of catharsis and a means of vicarious living. This graph shows the distribution of votes for favorite shows on campus. As Matt Eng '02 reminds us, "America would not be America without the television set."

Cracking India Conference addresses depictions of the Partition and post-Partition politics

by Sarah Karalunas '04
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
and Priyanka Khanna '04
A & E EDITOR

Hamilton students and faculty members and visitors assembled in the Dwight Lounge on Saturday morning to participate in the "Cracking India: Literary and Historical Representations of Partition" conference. Assistant Professor of English Gillian Gane and Assistant Professor of History Lisa Trivedi organized the conference, which featured noted historians and authors as speakers, as an extension of their pilot sophomore seminar.

Participants gained perspective on the Partition from both traditional historians and authors' fictionalized accounts of their personal experiences. They also discussed connections between the Partition and tensions in India today, in particular the Hindu-Muslim conflict over a site in Gujarat that is sacred to members of both religions.

Gane opened the conference, after a much-needed dose of chocolate muffins and caffeine provided by Café Opus, by providing a three-sentence summary of the Partition, which, she added, "Only a non-historian would have the temerity to do."

"In 1947 as the prospect of independence from British rule came near the Indian subcontinent, Muslims were considered as a minority in the overwhelmingly Hindu nation. The Muslim League demanded a separate nation for Muslims known as Pakistan. And in 1947 it was decided that British India would be divided into two nations: Pakistan and India. In the months that followed, 12 million people moved across those

PHOTO BY PRIYANKA KHANNA '04

Conference participant Farrah Lakhani '05, speaks with professors Ruby Lal of Johns Hopkins University and Professor Trivedi.

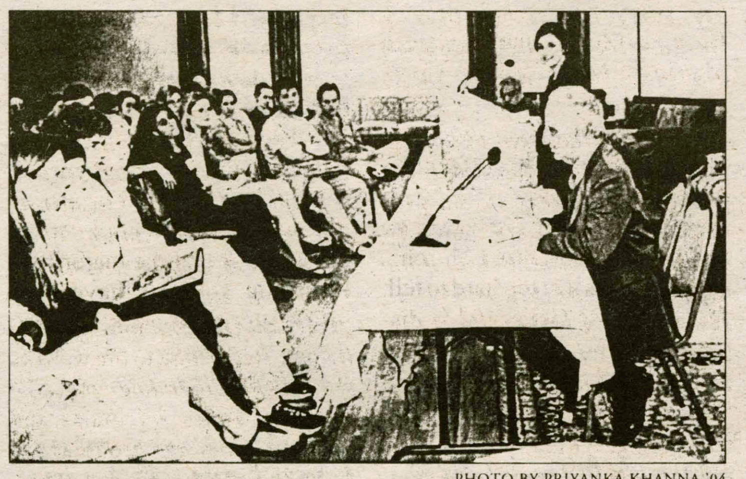
borders in the largest population migration known to history," Gane explained.

The first seminar included a panel of six students taking the Cracking India seminar. Ashley Herriman '05 led the discussion with the question "What is a nation?" She was followed by Ayesha Guzder '05, who drew from the experiences of her ancestors in discussing the role of the small Parsee community during Partition.

Milli Ramirez '02 compared Indian author Bapsi Sidhwa's novel Cracking India with its film version, Deepa Mehata's 1947 Earth, which had been screened the night before.

Emma Pokon '04 introduced illustrious scholar, author, and historian Ved Mehta, who had experienced firsthand the events of Parition, as well as the treatment by Indian society of a disability (he lost his sight as a child after contracting meningitis). Dr. Mehta led a discussion later Saturday afternoon.

The panel was rounded up by Mark Castro '05, who compared the youth of India and Pakistan by interviewing Ayesha Guzder '05 from Mumbai, India, and Farah Lakhani '05 from Karachi, Pakistan. Both girls recounted their experiences and fervently stated, "We are the same people. We listen to the same music, watch the same films, and wear the same clothes," emphasizing that borders separate two countries but not cultures.



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Professor Trivedi moderates a round table on the legacies of partition with writers Ved Mehta and Kamila Shamsie as well as historian, Gyan Pandey.

The panel then answered a range of questions about topics ranging from intermarriage between Hindus and Muslims to whether too rosy a picture of Partition and the years thereafter was being presented.

After a short break two new speakers were introduced: Historians Ruby Lal and Gyan Pandey (Remembering Partition) from Johns Hopkins University spoke about difficulties in historical research and current attitudes toward Partition.

During the first afternoon session, the conference participants utilized modern technology to listen to Sidhwa and Mehta compare their experiences during Partition. Mehta attended the conference, and Sidhwa's words and image were broadcast from Huston, Texas. Sidhwa, who was eightyears old at the time, and her Parsee family remained in India, while Mehta, who was a twelve-year-old Hindu, left the India-Pakistan area completely.

In her book, Cracking India, Sidhwa tells the story of Partition from the eyes of a child. "A child's vision is so much clearer, purer," explained Sidhwa. "They haven't learned to hate other religions yet."

Mehta agreed, "I think in a sense we were all children, old and young, when Partition happened. We just didn't understand."

Despite their many differences, Sidhwa and Mehta both have similar outlooks about their role as historical fiction writers; "Our role is to humanize these things," said Mehta. "When we think of the French Revolution, we think of A Tale of Two Cities."

To humanize the event, pointed out Sidhwa, it is important to recognize how people's lives continued throughout the tragedy. Although she deals in her writing with tragic events, such as the kidnapping of women from their families, Sidhwa says that it is important to remember that "people still got married, still had children."

"Women and men were brutalized. People did sadistic things to each other. One million died, but the fact that life went on is also very important," she said.

Mehta agrees, adding that it is important for writers to be as true to their feelings and memories as possible. "It's not that we think we're important," said Mehta "but that my perceptions, my dreams, my feelings have some universality to them. And, the closer you get to your individual truth, the more universal resonance what you write has."

Although attempting to stay true to the essence of his memories, Mehta also stressed the importance of facts in his work. "Facts can give the feelings we have an extra resonance," he said. "History is connected to fiction."

Sidhwa added, "Fiction does somehow create a larger reality."

Both Sidhwa and Mehta saw the communal violence in India today, in particular the most current violence in Gujarat, as connected to the Partition and the politics that have arisen out of it.

"It's almost as if Partition isn't over. It's still going on and on with the tensions today," said Sidhwa.

Both she and Mehta agreed that politicians in India today "talk sweet and stir things up" to play off existing tensions. In Gujarat, for example, said Mehta, there is no evidence that Ram was born at the former site of the Muslim temple; however, politicians have used political propoganda to infuriate both Muslims and Hindus at the thought of the other group having religious predominance in the area.

"Life is very complex," said Sidhwa. "But when politicians negotiate, it gets reduced to very simple things: good, evil; he's wrong, I'm right. If politicians would just write novels, it could help," she joked.

Political and religious fundamentalism, as well as the connection between Partition and today's tensions, continued to be discussed in the second of the afternoon seminars, facilitated by Lisa Trivedi, with Mehta, Pandey, and Visiting Assistant Professor of English Kamila Shamsie sharing their thoughts on audience questions and comments.

"The violence in Gujarat is not an India-Pakistan problem, but a Hindu-Muslim problem," said Mehta.

Pandey agreed, but added that what starts as a Hindu-Muslim conflict quickly "translates into India-Pakistan politics."

"In the '80s and '90s, when riots became more common, people used it to say, 'Muslims only have a place in Pakistan.' That's what we need to combat," he explained.

Shamsie says that she has received email expressing similar sentiments; people have said, "These riots are happening and that's why we needed Partition."

I'm very offended by that," she said. "It's saying that this was inevitable, not recognizing that it's something that's been shaped."

Mehta connects the attitude that India is only for Hindus and Pakistan only for Muslims to a resurgance of fundamentalism throughout the world. " I think it's a threat to peaceful coexistance," he said. Mehta says that such fundamentalism has been caused by rapid technological advancement over the last century.

Pandey agreed, pointing out that some of the most fundamental views come from "non-resident" Indians, those living abroad who are "looking for their roots."

Despite the rapid expansion of technology in many areas of the world, Mehta points out that India's advancement has, in many ways, stagnated because of post-Partition politics. "Politicians spend money on Kashmir and atomic bombs. India has one billion poor people. What the hell do they need atomic bombs for?" he asks.

He points also out that many people in India do not have modern toilets. "Our dignity is tied to the ways we dispose of human excrement. What good is Partition if we still can't give people a way to get rid of their shit?" he continued.

Despite feeling that Partition could possibly have been avoided, everyone involved in the conference said that instead of dwelling on the "what ifs," Indians and Pakistanis today must deal with the present and look for ways to move forward without forgetting lessons of the past.

"India is here no matter what," said Pandey.

Mehta added, "Every generation rewrites history with their own interpretations. And it's not a downward cycle, but an upward one because argument can only be good for history."

Students aghast: National study supports 2/3 = 1/4

by Tracy Glass '04
FEATURES WRITER

Two thirds equals what? What equals what? Who cares. Right? Now the nation does too. The National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, a branch of the National Institute of Health, recently put out a nationwide survey to gain perspective on college drinking. The results are in and strikingly resemble Hamilton's statistics.

Our Hamilton statistic states that two thirds of Hamilton students drink one fourth of the total alcohol consumed by campus. The nation's findings show that 44 percent of college students account for 70 percent of alcohol consumed. Roughly the same.

I met with Bob Kazin from the health department to sort out all this mumbo jumbo. Mr. Kazin was eager to help and happy that the results would again be published. Apparently, several years ago two men from Hobart and William Smith, Wes Perkins and Allen Burkowitz, came up with the theory that making students aware of the simple fact that the majority of students didn't drink heavily would calm the numbers of those who did. This campaign of awareness is often referred to as the "social norms" campaign.

Basically, it has two parts. Once the results are in and the posters have been put up, the campaign's magical power is tested. The first part is making the true majority of students (those who never drink or do so infrequently) aware that they are the norm. This hopefully relieves them of some peer pressure they perceive exists from the group of big campus drinkers. The second part works on the drinkers, it makes them aware that they are the minority. Hopefully, it helps to take those people who are borderline heavy drinkers into the majority group.

The survey had many other parts to it . Nationally, the survey said that 19% of college students never drink at all. Hamilton's survey said that 8% never drink. Don't be too alarmed. Rural schools traditionally have been drinking schools, and although we have a lower "non-drinker" statistic, we soar in other areas. We have one of the lowest drunk-driving statistics nationwide. Thanks Uncle Jitney.

It seems slightly hard to believe that such a small percentage consumes such a vast majority of the alcohol. Why is this so? As Mr. Kazin said, "At your typical Bundy party, there are people drinking excessively, people drinking moderately, and people choosing to abstain from drinking. The next day, however, the ones who are talked about are the extreme ones, those that did something out of the ordinary. They get talked about, and talked about and they become perceived as the norm."

It seems that we as a campus overestimate the norm quite frequently. In a the survey done last year, most students perceived the normal student's drinking behavior to be three drinking nights a week. In actuality, the norm is one drinking evening a week. The majority of the campus thought that cocaine, amphetamines, hallucinogens, and designer drugs were used by the average Hamilton student once a year. In reality, over 95 percent of the campus never have within the last year.

Why all these misconceptions? Jessalyn Geller '04 agrees with the sentiments of Mr. Kazin, "When people drink" she says "they make themselves known--they get talked about."

Rob Kuchar '05 said, "I'm going to take this route on it: ever since the frats were taken away, drinking has been moved primarily into the dorms. It seems more like it's everywhere because its more 'in your face,' and kids who don't really want a part are subjugated to it." I asked Mr. Kazin if there had been a severe decrease in drinking since the 1995 Residential Life decision, and he said "Wouldn't it be nice to know? Unfortunately, no surveys were done before then to compare."

Just last week I was reading in my math book that in 1986 a certain car model came out with

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The goals of this and Hamilton's social norms campaigns are to show students that the majority of alcohol on campus is drunk by a minority of students. The results of Hamilton's new study comes out in three weeks. The college is optimistic as to its accuracy, since 62 percent of the student body completed the survey.

the idea of a third brake light located in the center backseat of the car. Work with my digression here. The tail-end collision rate for the car dropped 50 percent. The government took note of the statistics and made it a requirement for all cars. Within five years the tail-end collision rate was right back where it had started. Is the effectiveness of this new "social norms" campaign the same phenomenon? Is it catching people's eyes because it's different? Is the truly effective alcohol -combating campaign simply a new approach every few years?

Mr. Kazin answers the question, "This is why I believe we possibly made the "2/3=1/4" posters slightly ambiguous. We wanted them to be a little talked about." And so they have been, Mr. Kazin. "The whole campaign is just a simple truth, a shocking truth," he adds.

The results of Hamilton's new study comes out in three weeks. With a 62 percent return rate, the college looks forward to a very accurate representation of the school. Perhaps the new campaign will have been proven quite effective, and Hamilton will have been at the forefront of a new movement. Perhaps not. We look forward to the results.

Sticks and stones... Hamilton's own name game

by Caitlin Springborn '04
FEATURES WRITER

Our names define who we are. First names, middle names, last names, nicknames... arbitrary labels, pet names, distinguished titles passed from generation to generation, words that explain our family origin and ancestry, or words that differentiate us from our peers.

Nicknames are names we acquire for a number of reasons. My younger brother was given the nickname "Bodgie," which is short for bodger: "an itinerant woodworker who makes Windsor chairs or parts for Windsor chairs and sends them to London to be assembled" (according to my father, who at the time was making a high-chair for "Bodgie" and a Windsor chair for his mother). Nicknames can be shortened or altered versions of our given names, or names that explain some aspect of our personality or character. For example, my ex-boyfriend Goober, or my friend Ho-Ho. Nicknames are often more personal and relevant titles than our given names. Some of us have even been blessed with more than one nickname, evident from Jamie Harrison's extensive list of nicknames in last week's Spec article: Bull Dog, Safety Net, Rhombus, Big Daddy, Chicken Patty, Big Rhombozoidal Maniac, Little McRhomboid, 'Lil Bud, Bigger Bud, 'Lil McReynolds, Joey Joe Joe, Steve... and the list, amazingly, goes on.

Some people choose to change their names, feeling that there are names that better represent them than those names their parents have chosen. Others adopt new names as they grow older. Mary Cathleen Kateri Farnsworth '03, a.k.a. Katie, acquired her name as a child. Before she was Katie, she was referred to by her given name Cathleen. She explains "When I was little, my sister's best friend was named Katie. I was totally obsessed with her-I just followed her around and did everything she did." People started referring to Cathleen as "Little Katie," and eventually just Katie. Kateri is the name Katie chose for her confirmation. "I was opposed to the Catholic Church for many reasons. As a move of mild opposition, I insisted on taking the name of a Native American woman who was being considered for sainthood," she says.

Our names typically identify our gender and ethnicity. However, sometimes names can be misleading or misrepresentative of a person's identity. It might be easy to mistake the gender of Ashley (of O-Town) if you didn't know that he is part of an all-male "band." Katie Alicia Lee '03, who is known to all as "Katie Lee," says that there has been confusion about her racial identity due to her last name, Lee, which is one of the most common names in China. When she was little, her parents signed her up for piano lessons, and her piano teacher, upon hearing her last name, assumed she was Asian (which she is not). "I got to my piano lesson the first day, and I was the only non-Asian person there. Needless to say, everyone else was playing Bach and Mozart, and I was stuck playing "Mary had a Little Lamb."

People who have unique or unusual names often suffer other people's confusing or mispronouncing them. "Lara" could be pronounced Lah-rah or Loh-roh... sometimes its just too hard to tell. Jessalyn Rose Geller '04 is distinguished by her unique first name, a combination of the names "Jessica" and "Lynn". "When I was younger, I really liked having a unique first name", she says. "But now, everyone gets my name confused and calls me Jessica or Jessica Lynn. It's really frustrating."

Meadow Sakovics '03 has also been blessed with a unique and distinguishable first name. "Actually, there is no interesting story behind my name," she explains. "I guess my mom was just a little hippy-ish. My brothers have normal names. People always ask me why I'm named Meadow... like maybe I was conceived in a meadow or something." As far as she knows, there is no truth to that supposition.

The few Hamilton students who have unique names are easily identifiable. Thumbing through the phonebook, it becomes clear that the majority of Hamilton students have been given more common, generic names. According to the website *www.behindthename.com*, the top five names for males and females in our age group are as follows. For girls: Jessica, Jennifer, Amanda, Ashley, and Sara(h). For boys: Michael,

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Gourmet Grub

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listed as to why Bella Cucina is the restaurant of choice. Claims one anonymous sophomore, "It is the best food and best value around." Bella Cucina also doubles as a great first-date spot for those of you looking toward the rising temperatures outside to heat up your love life. Advises one romance aficionado, "If you want to impress but are weary about the outcome, go to Bella Cucina. She will love it, but it won't cost you an arm and a leg. For a first date it is perfect because it will get you started in the right direction for the evening." However, Kazin warns: "Bella Cuccina is a good first date restaurant unless you want to avoid running into everyone from Hamilton." (Perhaps its popularity is also a downfall?) Other favorite Italian restaurants included Georgio's in New Hartford, which Carla Fabrizi describes as "very good food, large selection, good portion sizes, and very reasonable prices," and the Spaghetti House in Syracuse, to which Caitlin Foley '04 makes the trip because of its "fun" atmosphere, especially for large birthday group dinners.

"If you really want to win a girl over, don't take her into Utica. We'd like flowers better," says Kat McGrory. However, venturing away from the Sangertown area and further into CNY can offer a wide range of dining experiences for you to enjoy whether you're on a date or just with friends. Piggy Pat's, the self-proclaimed, "True Southern Pit BBQ" in nearby Washington Mills, consistently received rave reviews from rib lovers. To fulfill your ethnic desires, one student sited Tandori Steak House in Utica for Indian food and the Phoenician in New Hartford for its Lebanese cuisine. For fabulous Italian food, my personal favorite in Utica is Grimaldi's (referred to by one student as "the Italian restaurant next to the train station). "The only place in the area I can think of that I want to go and haven't is Grimaldi's," says Ally Domm '04. "Everyone seems to like the food there."

As far as places people have been dying to try out, Karima Shah '04 has set her sights on Sushi Blues in Hamilton, which is described by the website *http://www.dreamscape.com/alcove/road.html* as being an "odd name" for a restaurant, but very good nonetheless.

Most of the restaurants mentioned in this article can also be found on the web at *www.uticaod.com*, as well as *http://www.hamilton.edu/applications/accommodations/lodging.html?cat=Restaurants* and *http://www.colgate.edu/info/area/restaurants.asp*.

Playing the Name Game

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Christopher, Matthew, Joshua, and David. These are all names we are familiar with in our daily lives. The following is a list of some of the more popular first names here at Hamilton, along with the origins and definitions of these names: *(www.behindthename.com)*

SARAH: An English name, from the Hebrew for "lady" or "princess."

ELIZABETH: English, "oath of God" from the Hebrew Elisheba.

KATHERINE: (again) English, from "Aikaterine." Deriving from either the Greek name "Hekaterine," which came from the Greek word hekateros, meaning "each of the two"; or from the name of the goddess Hectate (the goddess of witchcraft, tombs, demons, and the underworld). It could also derive from the Greek word aikia, meaning "torture"; or from the Coptic name meaning "my consecration of your name." The Romans changed the spelling from Katerina to Katherina, which is derived from the Greek word katharos meaning "pure."

ALISON: medieval Norman form of "Alice." Alice, being the shortened form of "Adalheidis," or Adelaide. Adelaide, being the French/English name meaning "the noble kind," from adal (noble) and heid (kind/sort/type).

DAVID: A name with English, Jewish, Russian, Czech, and biblical roots. "Friend" or "beloved" from Hebrew.

PETER: English, German, Scandanavian, and biblical roots. From the Greek word petros, meaning "rock."

MATTHEW: English and biblical roots. From the Hebrew name "Mattityahu" meaning "gift of Yahweh" (Yahweh being the name of the Hebrew God).

RYAN: Irish and English, meaning "little king."

Your name is how people identify you, whether you're an average Joe, a Goober, or a Meadow. If you take the time to stop and think, you realize the power that one little word has in representing you to the rest of the world.

T.V. : pros and cons of the box

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getting ridiculous. It's just a cultural trend; they're really rather pointless."

One studentadds,"[Reality shows] are addictive, so it is best not get hooked."

As many students know, "The Real World" veteran Colin Mortensen began attending Hamilton this semester. When asked if his presence boosted on-campus interest in the show, most people voted negative.

"No," says Muniz, "I [don't think that] too many people know he is here. And those who do don't really care." These sentiments seem to represent the attitudes of students throughout the campus. While it is exciting that a television alumnus is attending Hamilton, it does not really reflect upon Hamilton or the show.

There were similar reactions to channel 49, Hamilton's new channel. Most students either had not heard of the station or were not interested. Perhaps this will change during the Housing Lottery, when students will be able to view the proceedings from their rooms.

Television has obviously made a huge impact on society in general as well as on Hamilton. Eng succinctly concludes, "America would not be America without the television set."

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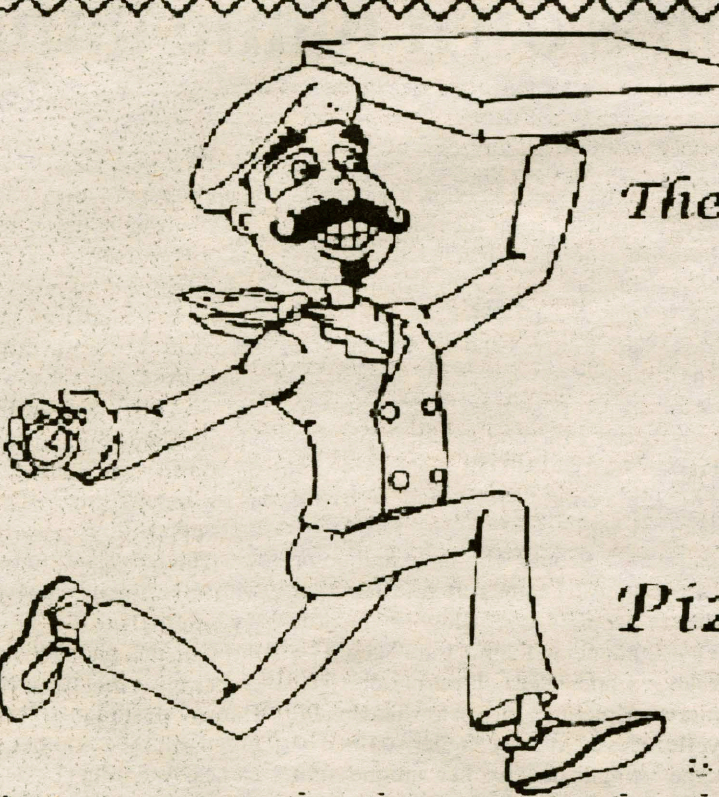

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Phantom planet is going to be huge

Hannah Stahle '03 investigates Guster's up-and-coming opener, coming soon to Hamilton College

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***Phantom Planet*, along with Howie Day, will open for *Guster* on April 24th at the Stanley Theater in Utica.**

It's 1994. Five teenage friends meet at a Pizza Hut in Southern California and decide to form a band, donning the name of a 1960s science fiction movie; *Phantom Planet* is born. By February of 1996 the band members, all of which are still attending various high schools in Los Angeles, get a gig at a club and win the audience with their energy, intensity and talent...and the fact that they finished the evening with a fabulous cover of the *Beastie Boys* "Sabotage."

With that gig *Phantom Planet* gained a spot on the map, and their popularity and incredible talent gained them notoriety. After one of their songs appeared on "Sabrina the Teenage Witch," and one on the short-lived show "Get Real," the band had it made...sort of. They had enough recognition to release an album, entitled *Phantom Planet Is Missing*, in 1998, containing eleven songs mostly about love and relationships. Although the band members were still in their teens at this point, and barely out of high school, their CD was quite good and very well produced.

With a couple of summers spent opening for talents such as *Weezer*, *Third Eye Blind*, and *American Hi Fi*, *Phantom Planet* signed with Epic Records and was finally ready to begin recording their next album in early 2001. On February 26, 2002, their latest CD, *The Guest* hit stores, and the band was automatically catapulted to fame. Spin Magazine heralded them as, "Pop' n' fresh flavor from L.A.'s most squeezable band," and *Phantom Planet* was quickly named one of the 100 bands you should know about in 2002 by Alternative Press Magazine. Their album also landed them the honor of being MTV2's handpicked album of the month of March.

Their unbelievably fast, and ultimately much-deserved, rise to the top has awarded them the chance to tour with Incubus this summer, and perhaps the even more coveted honor to perform at the Stanley Theatre in Utica, New York as a part of CAB's concert series.

Tom Keane '03, CAB concert coordinator, is excited that the band is part of the concert; "We're really fortunate to have them because they're such a great band, and they're really going places," he said.

Basically all reviews of every Phantom Planet show, dating from 1996, seem to concur with this idea. The band's website is chock-full of quotes such as "*Phantom Planet* is going to be huge!" and their recent success appears to validate these opinions. Their album, *The Guest* emphasizes their strength and incredible talent, while at the same time illustrating their incredible diversity. Their music has been called "brilliantly lighthearted, melodic pop" by reviewers, and recent performances have left them with the titles of "unexpected prize of the night" with their entertaining and polished performances.

The band is comprised of five well-educated chaps from Los Angeles, many of which are quite accomplished on their own in other venues outside of the band. Lead singer Alexander Greenwald appeared in several commercials for the Gap and for Twix before their second album was completed, modeled in Europe, and can be seen starring in a lead role in the independent movie *Donnie Darko*. He also produced a song by the band Rilo Kiley that was recently heard on MTV's Undressed.

The drummer for the band, Jason Schwartzman, is perhaps the most recognizable figure. He is the son of actress Talia Shire and the nephew of Francis Ford Coppola, incidentally making him the cousin of Nicholas Cage. He has quite an acting repertoire, as he played the leading role of Max Fischer in Wes Anderson's *Rushmore*. Schwartzman also appears in the recent movie Slackers and will appear in the upcoming movie Spun.

Guitar player Jacques Brautbar is currently working on earning a music degree from the University of Southern California, a program that accepts only seven students every year, while rhythm guitar player Darren Robinson has been spending his time feverishly creating and maintaining *Phantom Planet*'s fabulous website. Finally, Sam Farrar, son of John Farrar, who produced several of Olivia Newton-John's singles and wrote some of the songs in *Grease*, such as "You're the One That I Want," is producing an album by the Los Angeles-based band *Rooney's*.

While it may seem to an outsider that this relatively privileged group of young musicians, all of whom are currently under the age of 25, has gained success due to their fame and talent in areas other than music, that notion is proven entirely inaccurate. "The bottom line is that we are all musicians first. Once someone comes to see us play or hears the record," says Greenwald, "they'll know that we're not just actors who want to be musicians. They'll know that we're musicians who just happen to have some acting gigs." *Phantom Planet* proves this point time and time again, as their success comes from the fact that they are strong, dedicated, and incredibly talented musicians.

Rolling Stone Magazine, taking notice of their incredible talent writes, "Singer Alexander Greenwald has strong pipes and a theatrical style that lands somewhere between Thom Yorke and Elvis Costello. Guitar parts layered three deep jangle and buzz through tight ditties such as 'Hey Now Girl' and 'Nobody's Fault'."

Under the guidance of producers Mitchell Froom and Tchad Blake, who produce for other artists such as Tom Waits, Paul McCartney, Peter Gabriel, and *Pearl Jam*, the band has written all twelve songs on their CD, most of which were solo compositions by Greenwald. The diversity of songs on *The Guest* taps the amazing range of the band and features such songs as "California," written by Greenwald and Schwartzman, can be found on the soundtrack to the recently released *Orange County* and is an upbeat and mind-numbingly catchy song about their return to Los Angeles. Other songs such as "Lonely Day," written by Greenwald and Schwartzman, are more moody and pensive, as is one of the highlights of the album, "One Ray of Sunlight."

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***Guster* will play The Stanley Theater as part of a two month long tour of the U.S.**

With the incredible diversity on the album, the band sites Elvis Costello, *The Attractions*, *U2*, *Air*, and the *Flaming Lips* as their biggest influences, and admits that their most recent album is a big step from their first. "We were kids who had just gotten our drivers' licenses. Now we are four years older...and we're ready to make some real rock and roll," says Greenwald.

The band is also heavily influenced by *The Strokes*, and Schwartzman says, "I like to think of *The Strokes*

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Paxton proves that no soul is safe

Darcy Lewis '02 checks out Bill Paxton's latest at Sangertown Square

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Bill Paxton both starred in and directed *Frailty*, which is in theaters now.

A father walks into his two sons' bedroom in the middle of the night, wakes both of them up, and says, "I had a vision tonight, boys...an angel appeared to me." Fast forward about 20 years, as a man walks into the FBI headquarters and announces that he knows who has been committing the grisly murders the FBI have named "The God's Hands" murders. In the new, dark suspense thriller Frailty, Matthew McConaughey (*A Time to Kill, EdTV*) plays Fenton Meiks, the man who claims to know the murderer. He reveals the story of his childhood and his father, a man who slips off the edge of sanity and plunges into madness, dragging his two sons along for the ride.

Bill Paxton (*Twister, Vertical Limit*) plays the father, a hard-working mechanic and a deeply religious man who loves his sons, Adam and Fenton, very deeply. They are obviously close, and the death of their mother years ago seems to have left hardly a dent in their lives. But when dad comes into their room and tells them that an angel has given him and the boys a mission–they must kill demons disguised as humans to help fight the great battle before the Final Judgement– this declaration creates a rift between the oldest son, Fenton, and the youngest boy, Adam. Fenton immediately believes that his father has lost it and vows to take no part in whatever he has planned, but Adam wants to please his father and loves the idea of a great battle between good and evil. The story spirals deeper into strange territory as the method of killing the "demons" is shown to dad, and Fenton becomes increasingly rebellious, gradually giving his dad the impression that he just might be a demon too.

The story jumps back and forth between McConaughey's narration to an FBI agent (*Powers Boothe, Tombstone, Men of Honor*) and the story of the origin of the God's Hands killer. Bill Paxton makes his directorial debut, using some blatant TV-movie-of-the-week special effects and camera techniques, including a bizarre scene in which young Fenton's face is superimposed

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Dave Matthews Band spring tour brings elements fans miss on "Everyday"

by Whit Rothe '05
A&E Writer

The people who hate the *Dave Matthews Band* come in many different forms. There are those who used to like them when they were an underground, club-playing band, but these people lost interest once the band went commercial in 1994 with their multi-platinum album Under the Table and Dreaming. Then there are those fans that loved the band up until last year, when Dave and the boys "betrayed" them by reaching out to the teenybopper crowd with their over-produced, jam-less Everyday. Then there are those who just hate DMB and don't get why the band is so popular.

Well, DMB-haters have a reason to cringe: *Dave Matthews Band* is out in full force this year. First, the band teamed up with Ben and Jerry's ice cream to start the "One Sweet Whirled" campaign to help slow global warming. They created an ice cream flavor (One Sweet Whirled), and a portion of the proceeds from each pint will go to both DMB's own Bama Works Foundation and Saveourenvironment.org, a coalition of the nation's largest environmental groups. For more information: check out http://www.onesweetwhirled.org. The ice cream is being currently being sold at any supermarket.

As if trying to save the planet weren't enough, the band recentered the studio this past February and recorded their latest album Busted Stuff (due out in stores either June 25 or July 2). Many people have heard of the famed Lilllywhite Sessions, the album that was scrapped in favor of Everyday, which were leaked on to the internet over a year ago. Busted Stuff will feature re-recorded versions of nine of the 12 Lillywhite Session's songs and three new tracks. Now, while there has been no track list released as of press time (the album is available for pre-order at Amazon.com), it has been confirmed that new versions of "Busted Stuff," "Bartender," "Grey Street," "Big Eyed Fish," "Grace is Gone," "Diggin' a Ditch," "Kit Kat Jam," and "Raven" will be on the album. All these songs, with the exception of "Kit-Kat Jam," have been road-tested over the last two years. That leaves one spot on the album for either "Sweet Up and Down," "JTR," "Captain," and "Monkey Man," and it will probably go to either "Sweet Up and Down" or "JTR," as they have also been played live. Among the three new songs, "Where are You Going?," a combination of "Crash into Me" and "Crush" with romantic lyrics and a haunting melody, will be the first single off of the album. The song will also be featured in the upcoming Adam Sandler movie *Mr. Deeds*, and the band has done some instrumental work for the soundtrack. Another new song on *Busted Stuff* might be "You Never Know," which the band just recently played live for the first time. Live mp3's of both "Where are You Going?" and "You Never Know" can be downloaded at http://www.dmbsource.com (as well as the entire Lillywhite Sessions). Those people who have lost interest in the band will be pleased to hear that *Busted Stuff* will "pay homage to the early days'' of the Charlottesville, Va. band's sound, according to drummer Carter Beauford.

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***Dave Matthews Band* silences critics of "Everyday" with their superb live show.**

A new album is great and all, but *Dave MatthewsBand* is known for their live performances, and DMB is delivering with a current Spring Tour and an upcoming Summer Tour. The band is taking a short break in June (presumably to promote *Busted Stuff*), but otherwise is playing at amphitheatres around the country until September. In another effort to "pay homage to the early days," the band has scaled down their audiences and will not be playing large stadiums (RFK, Giant's Stadium, Foxboro Stadium) this tour: only amphitheaters and arenas. While playing smaller venues will create a more intimate concert experience, it will also cause a limited supply of tickets, and many shows are already sold out. However, the tour promises to be the band's best yet after last tour's endless promotion of *Everyday* throughout each set list.

I had the chance to experience the new tour at the HSBC arena in Buffalo on April 13 and I must say that it was a solid show. They mixed up the set pretty well with some classics ("Warehouse," "Too Much," "What Would You Say"), *Everyday* songs ("When the World Ends," "I Did It," "The Space Between"), Lillywhite songs ("Grey Street," "Grace is Gone"), and two new songs ("Where Are You Going?," "You Never Know"). However, it is "You Never Know" that has summed up this tour because DMB has been pulling out some surprises at every show. Some highlights of HSBC were an unexpected mid-set Seek Up, a 15 minute, violin solo during "Lie in Our Graves," a "So Much to Say" with a bridge jam (entitled "Has Anyone Seen the Bridge?") into "Too Much," and a "Two Step" closer (because the crowd was chanting for it all night). The audience had tons of energy and was going crazy the whole night. Matt Kotowski '05 says, "It was unbelievable! Definitely the best Dave show I've ever seen." Overall, a superb show capped with a great opening act (Robert Randolph and the Family).

The second half of 2002 looks just as promising for *Dave Matthews Band* fans. They have a live DVD, last year's July 11 show at Boulder, Colardo, in the wings for a late summer release and a possible Fall Tour as well. Violinist Boyd Tinsley will also be releasing a solo album without the band (he's not going anywhere). 2002 is definitely the best year yet to be a *Dave Matthews Band* fan.

Artsy Fartsy

He spent 3 years of his childhood living in Paris and spoke fluent French. He is the Vice President of the Tae Kwan Do club and owns 3 computers. This week's Artsy Fartsy is Peter Kimball '03.

Hometown...**Redding, Connecticut**
Major...**Studio Art/ computer Science**
I am (in five words)...**quiet, funny (though some may disagree), creative, unusual (I can't count either).**
Influences...**Homer and Bart Simpson, Stewie Griffin, but mostly all the people whose names won't fit here of be recognized by anyone but me.**
Favorite movie...Why?...***The Shining*. Kubrick was a genius, Nicholson makes a great madman, and the cinematography is just nuts.**
Favorite book...Why?...**Lois Lowry's *The Giver*. It's the bookthat started me on my Utopian society craze, which has since led to my privacy-issues craze, which has in turn become an important part of my artwork.**
McEwen vs. Commons?...**McEwen all the way. It's close to the studios and doesn't have that strange feeling of being a church crossed with a dining hall.**
10 years from now...**Me, mountain, wide open spaces, doing something I love. Likely to involve driving a classic roadster everywhere with the top down and the wind in my hair.**

Frailty

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on a black background, signaling his own possible descent into insanity. Despite the elementary look of some of the shots, the direction works for the homegrown Texas story that ends up becoming something more akin to a legend. The film never truly finds a genre, slipping from suspense, to horror, to drama, and even to moments of pure stupidity. There are, however, also moments of genuine tension, and it is exciting to watch an ordinary man metamorphous into a serial killer (don't worry, I'm giving nothing away).

McConaughey has a surprisingly small part, but he milks it for everything it's worth, employing all the sinister looks he discovered in films like *Return of the Texas Chainsaw Massacre* and *Lone Star*. There are a few wonderful twists in the film, including one that could easily have appeared in *The Sixth Sense*. A few gruesome moments of gore, coupled with the mysterious lighting and the strangeness of an angel appearing to dad in ordinary things like a trophy and the undercarriage of a car, make this film quite a thing to behold. It rambles and slows in some parts, but overall *Frailty* is a solid, entertaining thriller that has the power to hold audience attention better than a lot of the thrillers out right now.

Phantom

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as allies," as *The Strokes'* album is almost always found in their CD player, along with *Sigur Ros*, *Shins*, *Pernice Brothers*, *White Stripes*, *Dictators*, and Schwartzman's favorites, *Japancakes*.

While the band is still very much a work in progress, as the members are still working to find their exact spot in the music industry, the band remains the primary focus of all five members. *Phantom Planet* hopes to get back into the studio to work on another album some time after their tour and is anxious to explore their musical talent. Until their next album comes out, the public will have to remain content with the current installment, *The Guest*, which should not be a problem, as the album is an entertaining collection of fantastic songs from an up-and-coming, solid band. Look forward to *Phantom Planet* becoming a huge force in the music industry in the future, and more importantly, look for them at the Stanley Theatre, Wednesday, April 24. *Phantom Planet* is going to be huge, and their talent is not to be missed!

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Women's lacrosse beaten by Union

by Charles Spiliotis '03
Sports Editor

The women's lacrosse team's struggles continued as the Lady Conts dropped a pair of home games this week to bring their record to a disappointing 3-7. Hamilton was defeated by a very strong Union club which remains undefeated in the UCAA this season. The Lady Conts also lost a one-goal heartbreaker to Skidmore earlier in the week.

"Union was a really good team; we did our best to adjust to their speed and size. We played the last 45 minutes with a lot of heart, but it just wasn't enough," said senior captain Lauren Reynolds. "I think both the Union and the Skidmore games showed how much we are maturing as a team. We were able to make them play at our pace, and we stayed within our gameplan throughout. It just wasn't enough."

Hamilton knew going into the Union affair that it would be one of its toughest tests of the year, as the Thoroughbreds came in with only one loss on the season and none in UCAA play. Predictably, Union came strong out of the box, grabbing an early lead, despite the Hamilton defense's best efforts. The young defense, which has made great strides of late, hung tough and kept Hamilton within striking distance. But offensively, leading scorer Molly Plummer '03 was again marked out, making it very difficult to score. Plummer managed two goals, but it was not enough. Rookie Lauren Thomsen '05, who has stepped up big of late, added her 19th and 20th goals of the season as well, but the final score read Union 10, Hamilton 5.

Defenseman Abby Zeidler '03 said of the loss, "Keeping the deficit to only five goals was a pretty good showing against Union. They continue to have a very strong program."

The Skidmore game was a very frustrating one for the Conts. The team was a little slow out of the gates, a developing pattern for the women, but they stayed focused and were able to battle back. Thomsen had a monster game, registering a season-high seven goals, with Plummer being blanketed once again. Down 14-8 in the second half, the team slowed down the tempo and was able to attack the net with more success. With the help of strong goaltending from Nicole Cheatle '03, the Lady Conts scored five unanswered goals to pull it to 14-13. But unfortunately, that was as close as they would get. The whistle blew signifying the 14-13 final.

"The game could definitely had gone either way, but we weren't able to play with intensity for all 60 minutes," said Zeidler.

Sarah Bardenett '04 had three goals and an assist in the loss, while Katie McKeon '04 added a pair of goals as well. After being rained out against Ithaca on Wednesday, Hamilton looks to turn its momentum around and improve upon its 1-4 UCAA record as the ladies take on Rochester at home today at 4:00.

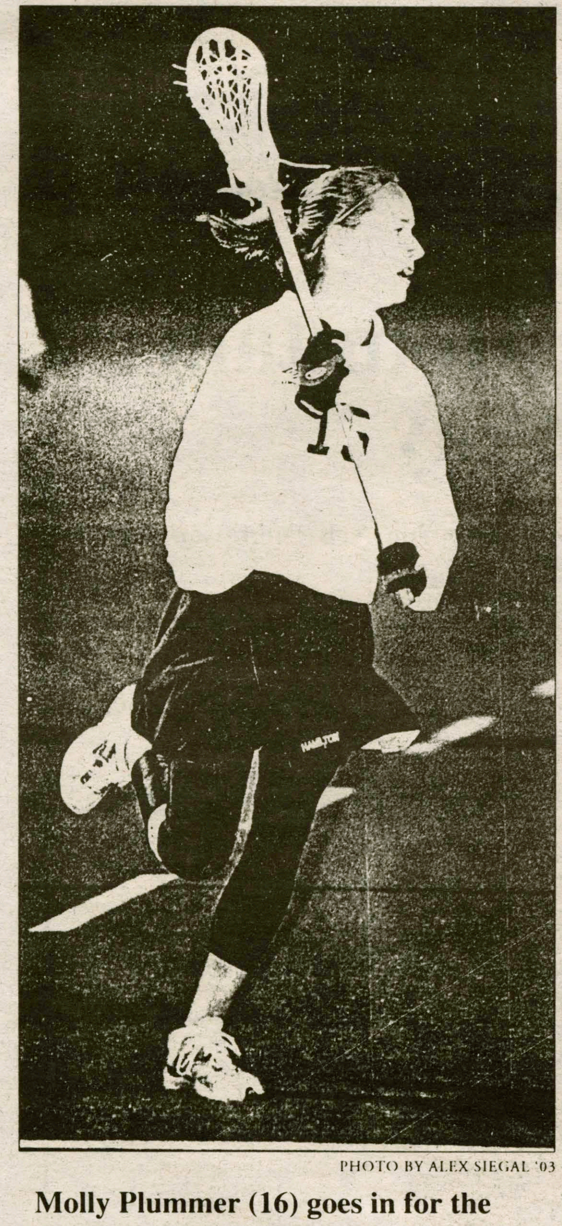


PHOTO BY ALEX SIEGAL '03

Molly Plummer (16) goes in for the attack against Union ealier this week.

Men's tennis has strong showing against Ithaca

by Jason Wellen '03
Sports Writer

Despite a tough 4-3 loss to Connecticut College this past weekend, the Hamilton men's tennis team came back strong on Wednesday and improved to 4-8 overall with a shellacking of Ithaca College, 5-2. The doubles team of Erick Volp '04, Duncan Cameron '05, Sean Fair '03, and Brian Tilly '05 all played strong in taking doubles from Ithaca. The Conts beat up on former coach Bill Thurston and his Ithaca College squad, 5-2.

"We really wanted to win this for coach (King) and I think we played with a lot of heart out there. It really felt good," said captain Ryan Thorpe '02.

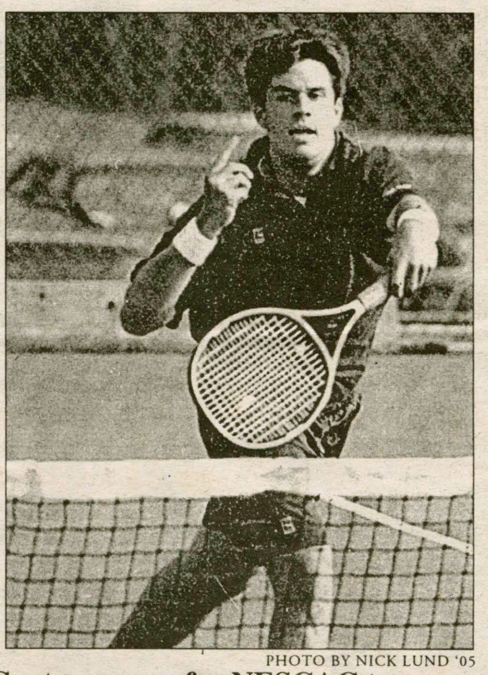
In singles, the Conts only dropped one court, winning four out of five in an excruciatingly long match that was still in progress as the sun was setting. Volp looked especially strong, winning 6-0, 6-1, while Cameron had probably the toughest match, forcing a three-setter that he eventually brought home for the Conts.

In yet another beautiful day to watch tennis, the Conts lost a heartbreaker to Hobart College 6-1 on Thursday, with Prashant Sadarangani '04 picking up the sole victory in singles. The loss against the 12-3 Statesmen dropped the team to 4-9 on the year with the season dwindling away.

"They were a very scrappy team who just played a different kind of tennis than we have seen this year," said Sean Fair '03. "By the time we got things going it was already too late."

The squad gets the weekend off but looks to come back strong next Tuesday against Lemoyne College. Now 4-9 overall, the Conts need to put everything together so they can finish up the season strong.

"Losing to Hobart was tough, especially after beating a much better team in Ithaca," said Thorpe. "We let one slip away". Hopefully with some days off to recover, the Conts will come out fresh for their last week of regular season play. In addition to Lemoyne, the squad closes the regular season against Union on the road, an interesting match because of the history between the two teams. The Conts need to go into the NESCAC tourney confident in their play, and winning these last two matches would definitely help build that.



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Conts prepare for NESCAC tourney.

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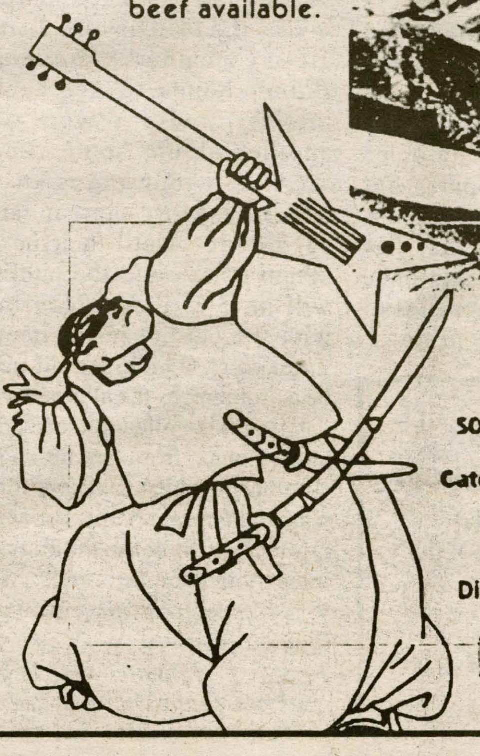

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Athlete of the week: LAX Star Matt Silverio

by Paul P. Jones '03
Sports Writer

This week's Spectator Athlete of the Week is lacrosse attacks Matt Silverio '03. Matt recently became the all-time leading goal scorer in Hamilton history and has led his team with his offensive production to two straight wins. He leads the team in scoring and prefers a pre-game meal in Rogers as opposed to Commons or McEwen. Catch him next this Saturday at home versus Skidmore in a pivotal UCAA contest.

Name: Matt Silverio
Year: 2003
Major/Minor: Economics Major / Spanish Minor
Hometown/HS: Villanova PA / Radnor High School & Westminster School
Individual and team records this year: 5-3, 27 goals, 20 assists - leads the UCAA in scoring.
Athletic accolades: 2000 UCAA rookie of the year, 1st Team All-UCAA - 2001, Hamilton's all-time leading scorer, most goals in a season, most goals in a game.
Nicknames: Squints, Silvaj
Game rituals or superstitions: Before each game I listen to this Rancid CD I bought when I was about 14. I also always put my right glove on first at the start of the game.
Most memorable moment in your athletic career: My senior year in high school when we beat the #1 team in the state in lacrosse 9-8, I scored the winning goal with 8 seconds left.
What do you see yourself doing in 10 years: I really don't know.
If you could be anyone for a day, who would it be: Pootie Tang
Thing that pisses you off the most about Hamilton College: The total lack of regard for what is important to the student body.
Favorite professor: Professor Eismeier or Professor Wu
Are you a lover or a fighter: A little of both
Commons or McEwen: Rogers
If you had to pick one person to live with on an Island who would it be: Andrew Myerberg, he could sing me some songs.
If you were a tree what kind of tree would you be: A palm tree
Who wins in a fight, a dolphin or a bald eagle and why: A dolphin on pure size, but truthfully, an anteater would destroy them both.
Favorite 80's Rock group: Human League
If you had the power to hypnotize anyone for a day, who would you pick and what would you have them do? Whoever could make this school fun again.
All-time favorite song: *Glory Days* - The Boss , *Paperboy* - Ditty
If you could have a single button beside your bed that did one thing, what would you want it to do: Bring me food
If you could train a pet bird to do one thing for you and always return home again, what would it do: Go to class
Name the most dangerous thing that you have done on purpose: Slept in the bunk bed underneath Will Droste.
If you could drink only one type of alcoholic drink for the rest of your life, what would you choose: Coors Light Bottles
If you could have 1 free service in your dorm everyday what would it be: Laundry
OJ, guilty or innocent: Real guilty
If you suddenly found yourself in class wearing women's erotic underwear and nothing else, what would you say to your classmates in one sentence: "Wah dah tah my damie, wah dah tah."

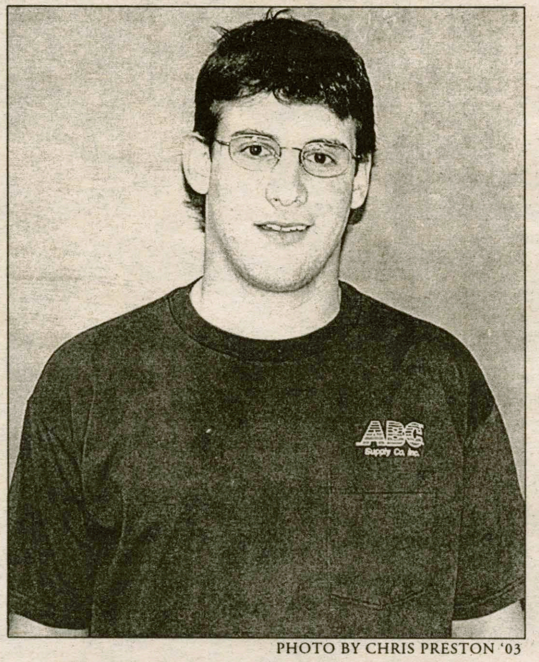
PHOTO BY CHRIS PRESTON '03

"Wah dah tah my damie, wah dah tah"

Hamilton athletes hit solid marks over the weekend

by Amanda Chase '03
Sports Writer

The men's and women's track teams hosted the league UCAA Championship Meet this past Saturday. Although only the second meet of the season for the Conts, many Hamilton athletes hit nice marks over the weekend.

The highlight of the meet for the women's team was provisionally qualifying Annie Toth '05, Jen Cammarano '03, and Amanda Chase '03 for nationals in three individual events. Toth qualified with a winning time in the 5000 meter run. Cammarano qualified in the 3000 meter steeplechase while setting a UCAA record and taking first in the race. Chase qualified with a win in the 800, setting a school and UCAA record.

Another UCAA record was set by the women's 4x800 relay team. Cammarano combined with Julianna Allport '05, Alyson Grant '04, and Eleni Venturas '05 for the win in this event. Grant and Allport had both previously competed in the 1500, taking fourth and sixth, respectively. Venturas had also already run, setting a personal record and taking 3rd in the 800.

The men's 4x100 relay continued to be an exciting team to watch this season. Jeff Corey '04, Elijah Huling '04, Will Lynch '05, and Olamide Harrison '05 pulled out with second place in the relay. Corey, Huling, and Lynch also took third, fifth, and seventh respectively in the 100, demonstrating a strong Hamilton contingency. Lynch and Huling also competed in the 200 with Lynch taking 6th place.

In the women's sprints, Onica Legendre '05 and Sara Thomas '05 both improved their times in the 100 and 200. The women's 4x100 relay, consisting of captains Kate Clark '02 and Chase, as well as Mara Dropkin-Frank '05 and Lariss Hopkins '04, took third in the meet improving on last week's time.

Dropkin-Frank also took third in the 400 while tying the school record in the pole vault and running the 200. Hopkins also ran in the 400, taking sixth in her debut of the season. Clark competed in a plethora of field events for Hamilton, taking fourth in the javelin, fifthin the high jump and long jump, sixth in the 100 hurdles, and throwing the shot put for the Continentals.

Molly O'Sullivan '05 took fourth in the 100 hurdles, fifth in the 400 hurdles and competed in the triple jump for Hamilton. Jess Sexton '03 and Dana Kirchoff '05 once again represented Hamilton in the field event,s each placing in a throwing event.

The men's side of the field events was led by Ryan Palmitesso '03, but strong showings were turned in by all. Palmitesso took fourth in the javelin throw and sixth in the high jump to score points for the men's side. Eric Hawkins '04 (discus and javelin), Ben Wetstone '05 (javelin and pole vault), Tom Alberi '03 (high jump and 110hurdles), and Scott Huntington '05 (triple jump, 110 hurdles, and 400 hurdles) rounded out the field events for the men.

The men's team fared well in the distance events. Captain Doug Zeyak '02 took sixth in the 1500 followed by Fletcher Malcom '03. This duo also joined Chris Dunn '05 and Matt Drescher '05 in the 800. Dunn ran a speedy 1:56.65 with Zeyak also coming in under two minutes. Captain John Damaske ran the 5000 for the men, setting a personal record and taking sixth. Zeyak, Malcom, Dunn, and Drescher combined for the men's 4x400 relay team.

The majority of the women's team has qualified for the NESCAC Championship meet, which will be in two weeks at Bates College in Maine. Both the men and women will look to continue improving their marks this upcoming weekend at the Hamilton Invitational. There will be good competition with 12 teams attending, making for potentially strong marks.

Upcoming Athletic Events

Title	Date	Time
Men's Baseball - Away vs. Amherst	Apr 19, 2002	3:30PM
Women's Lacrosse - HOME vs. Rochester	Apr 19, 2002	4:00PM
Women's Track - HOME at Hamilton Invit.	Apr 20, 2002	11:00AM
Men's Track - HOME at Hamilton Invit.	Apr 20, 2002	11:00AM
Men's Baseball - Away vs. Amherst (2)	Apr 20, 2002	12:00PM
Women's Softball - AWAY vs. Middlebury	Apr 20, 2002	1:00PM
Men's Lacrosse - HOME vs. Skidmore	Apr 20, 2002	2:00PM
Men's Baseball - Hamilton vs Middlebury	Apr 21, 2002	12:00PM
Men's Golf - AWAY at Williams Invit.	Apr 21, 2002	1:30PM
Men's Golf - AWAY at Skidmore Invit.	Apr 22, 2002	TBA
Women's Softball - AWAY vs. Univ of Roch.	Apr 23, 2002	3:30PM
Men's Baseball - AWAY vs. Utica	Apr 23, 2002	3:30PM
Men's Lacrosse - AWAY vs. Keuka	Apr 23, 2002	4:00PM
Men's Tennis - Hamilton vs LeMoyne	Apr 23, 2002	4:00PM
Men's Tennis - AWAY vs. Union	Apr 24, 2002	3:30PM
Women's Softball - HOME vs. SUNY Utica	Apr 24, 2002	3;30PM
Men's Baseball - HOME vs. St. Lawrence	Apr 24, 2002	3:30PM

Morell, Silverio lead onslaught against Union

by Brent Lowinger '02
Sports Writer

The Hamilton College men's lacrosse team went into Saturday's game against Union looking to make a statement. The Union players left the game having heard that statement loud and clear.The combination of gray skies, driving rain, and Union College defenders were no match for the Continentals offense, as they tallied a 17-5 rout on Saturday afternoon. The Conts came out focused and played with tenacity from the very beginning.

"We knew that the weather was going to be an obstacle for us because our speed and quickness are our best advantages, especially at home on the turf. We didn't let the rain affect the way we played, though, we just stuck to the game plan and put up good numbers early," said Jay Morell '02.

Andrew Myerberg '02 added, "Morell did a great job setting the tone for the game, scoring early and never backing down. He showed great poise even though the conditions were less than ideal."

Morell scored early and often, finishing the game with four goals, a career high.
When asked about his inspired performance, Morell replied "My dad doesn't get up to too many games, but he was there on Saturday. I wanted to get nasty for him."

Team scoring leader Matt Silverio '03 also had an inspired showing on Saturday, contributing seven points on two goals and five assists. With that performance, Silverio became the men's lacrosse all-time leader in points (goals+assists) at Hamilton College.

The crafty attackman is only a junior and may set the bar so high by the time his career is over that no one else will ever be able to reach it.

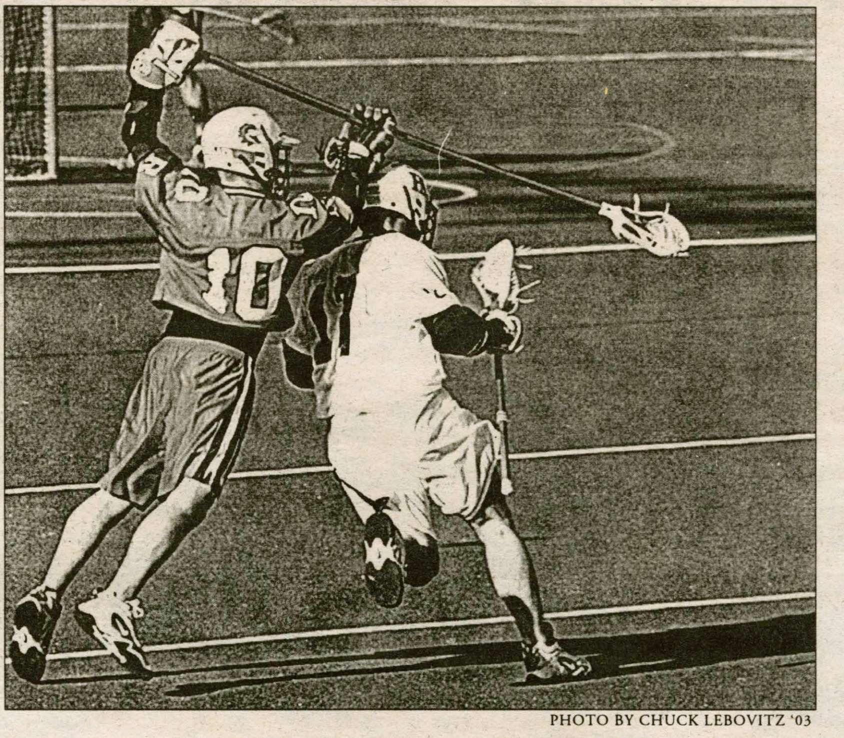

PHOTO BY CHUCK LEBOVITZ '03
Rob Gifis (17) contributed to the 17-5 rout against Union.

When asked about the record, Silverio blushed and said, "The record is great and I am really proud and happy that I was able to break it, but the real goal is a trip to the NCAA tournament in May, and no individual record is going to bring us there. I was actually more psyched about the five assists on Saturday than I was about breaking the record."

Those five assists show just how far Silverio has come since he started playing here at Hamilton. He could always score goals, but his assist totals were low. He has been working to improve on that aspect of his game, and his more evenly balanced scoring (27 goals/20 assists) this year shows his improvement.

"I realize now that if a team wants to collapse I can get other guys great looks at the net," said Silverio. "That opens up the field and makes our offense that much more dangerous."

Dangerous, lethal, unyielding-call it what you will, Union's players probably agree with all these statements. The Conts have four games remaining on their schedule and they are looking to send this same message to each and every one of their opponents.

Baseball: Anemic offense hurts Hamilton

by Chris Preston '03
I & I Editor

After putting on one of the better shows Royce Field has seen in years last Friday in a 7-3 defeat of Middlebury, the Hamilton baseball team's bats inexplicably went silent in its next two outings. The Continentals were no-hit on Saturday against Middlebury's ace lefty Tyler Conrad, then mustered only two hits and one run against lowly 4-17 Hartwick on Wednesday.

Judging strictly from Friday's performance, however, consecutive anemic offensive displays could hardly have been foreseen by anyone who was in attendance. After allowing a first-inning run, starter Matt Marsallo '02 settled down to pitch eight-plus innings of three-hit ball, allowing just three runs total while striking out six. Meanwhile, the Hamilton bats were hot. Down 1-0 in the third, the Continentals loaded the bases for fan favorite Semmie Taylor '03. Much to the delight of the not-so-sober contingent of fans occupying the hill beyond the center field fence, Taylor smacked a two-run single into left to give the Conts a lead they would not relinquish.

"I was just trying to get something started," said Taylor. "(Hitting) is contagious on our team. When we don't get started early then we don't hit at all, as we saw in the (next) two games." The team's solid offensive play against Middlebury continued in the fourth, with back-to-back RBI doubles coming from leftfielder Mike Murphy '05 and shortstop Matt Goossen '02, who was 3-4 on the day with two RBI and a run.

Juniors Charles Spiliotis and Brett Zalaski, batting one and two in the lineup for the first time all season, each went 2- 5 on the day while freshman third baseman Brian Farnkoff provided a spark by scoring two runs and playing stellar defense. Overall, the Continentals impressed in picking up their first NESCAC league win of the season.

"The first Middlebury game was the best we've played through the course of an entire game all year," commented coach John Keady. "We beat a good Macalester team earlier in the year but struggled enough to have to win it in extra innings. This game we played well all nine innings."

Unfortunately that was not the case the next day, as the Panthers' Conrad out-dueled Hamilton's ace Jamie Harrison '02, who wore down in the late innings perhaps because he was pitching on just two days rest. However, even if Harrison had been perfect, Middlebury still would have played Hamilton to a stalemate, as Conrad baffled the Continentals to the tune of 11 strikeouts, just two walks, and no hits. The game was still a scoreless tie in the fifth when the Panthers broke it open with three runs, highlighted by a two-RBI double off the bat of Craig Hanson. Middlebury eventually claimed the 6-0 victory.

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05
Rick Ziegler (8) and Jack Halas (20) look on from the bullpen.

The Continentals' struggles against Conrad were no surprise considering he came in with a near-2.00 ERA and had pitched a gem against them the previous year in fanning 16. But the team's shortcomings versus hapless Hartwick's righty Rob Nelson on Wednesday were a bit of a mystery. The Continentals managed only two hits, only one of which, freshman Adam Lavallee's eighth inning home run-left the infield.

Digging themselves an early hole did not help the cause, as Hartwick scored all six of its runs in the first two innings off starter Marsallo and never looked back, en route to the 6-1 win, just its fourth of the season. Though the Continentals hit the ball hard at times and both Lavallee and Goossen played well defensively, the loss was a huge disappointment.

"We just were not aggressive," admitted Goossen. "We took too many pitches, and we had some bad breaks on balls we hit hard. But we've faced better pitching than that this year."

Coach Keady had a different assessment: "With the wind coming in so hard a lot of our fly balls hung up, and (Hartwick) made some good defensive plays. I wouldn't say we're in a slump yet because it's just two games and the Middlebury guy is really good. Before that we had hit the ball well in our wins over Utica and Middlebury and even in the loss at Cazenovia. I expect us to bounce back very well this weekend, as we have most of the year."

To do so will require producing more than two hits in 16 innings, a funk they are currently in.

The Conts are capable of beating a lot of teams when they play the way they did last Friday, though their weekend road trip is fairly intimidating: four games in three days at Amherst, one of which is a make-up for last Saturday's rain out against Middlebury. This is the team's best opportunity to prove it should not be taken lightly by the rest of the NESCAC.

Goossen expects them to do just that, "We pick ourselves up for big games, and sometimes we play down to teams like Hartwick. We're confident that we can have a good road trip this weekend and come away with a few wins."